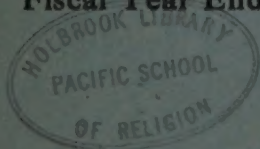


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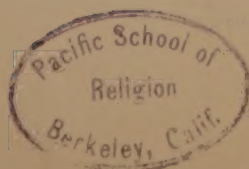
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# MINUTES OF THE 1928 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EXTENSION BOARDS

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, MAY 23, 1928

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The Annual Meeting of the Congregational Church Extension Boards, including the Congregational Home Missionary Society, the Congregational Church Building Society and the Congregational Sunday School Extension Society was called to order by President William Horace Day, at Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 23rd, 1928.

## JOINT SESSION

The roll was taken and showed the presence of a quorum.

The report of the Board of Directors was presented by the General Secretary, Rev. Ernest M. Halliday.

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Mr. William T. Boulton.

The joint session adjourned.

## SEPARATE SESSIONS

A separate session of the Congregational Home Missionary Society was called to order.

The following resolution was presented:

RESOLVED: That the number of Directors of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, a New York Membership Corporation, is hereby increased to thirty-nine, and

RESOLVED, further, that the President or a Vice-President and the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and file a certificate to effectuate the foregoing change, required by Section Thirty of the Membership Corporations Law of the State of New York.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The separate session of the Congregational Home Missionary Society adjourned.



A separate session of the Congregational Church Building Society was called to order.

The following resolution was presented:

RESOLVED: That the number of Directors of the Congregational Church Building Society, a New York Membership Corporation, is hereby increased to thirty-nine, and

RESOLVED, further, that the President or a Vice-President and the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and file a certificate to effectuate the foregoing change, required by Section Thirty of the Membership Corporations Law of the State of New York.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The separate session of the Congregational Church Building Society adjourned.

A separate session of the Congregational Sunday School Extension Society was called to order.

The following resolution was presented:

RESOLVED: That the number of Directors of the Congregational Sunday School Extension Society, a New York Membership Corporation, is hereby increased to thirty-nine, and

RESOLVED, further, that the President or a Vice-President and the Secretary or an Assistant-Secretary, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and file a certificate to effectuate the foregoing change, required by Section Thirty of the Membership Corporations Law of the State of New York.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The separate session of the Congregational Sunday School Extension Society adjourned.

### JOINT SESSION

The Extension Boards were again called to order in joint session.

The reports of the General Secretary and Treasurer were received.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregational Church Extension Boards adjourned.

M. R. BOYNTON,  
Clerk.

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In accordance with action taken by the Board of Directors of the above-named Societies at its meeting in January, 1928, the reports of all three are here issued for the first time as a single publication. The Report of the Board of Directors to the Annual Meetings at Minneapolis, May 23rd, 1928, is followed by more detailed review of the work of the Societies and by the annual financial statements. The By-laws, as amended at Omaha in 1927, are also included.

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**Report of the Board of Directors to the Annual**  
**Meeting, Plymouth Church, Minneapolis**

**MAY 23, 1928**

Under the revised By-laws of the Church Extension Boards, and the vote of the Biennial Meetings at Omaha a year ago, the new Congregational Home Board, functioning as the Board of Directors for each of the Home Societies, held its initial meeting in New York City on June 22, 1927. This is, therefore, its first report to the Annual Meetings.

**A Year of Constructive Achievement**

The work of our three Societies has gone earnestly forward during the past year. Missionaries, Superintendents, Secretaries, and those charged with responsibility as members of the Board and of the Administrative Committee have continued to give devoted service. The well-tried methods which have been successful in the past have been continued. Children have been given especial attention in religious training, new churches have been organized, pastoral aid supplied and assistance given in the erection of church edifices and parsonages. At the same time, effort has been made to adapt our methods to the new conditions constantly arising. Both in the office and on the field, our representatives seek to utilize every forward-looking suggestion which will bring our efforts to greater effectiveness.

### **Consummating the Merger**

The new Board of Directors is able to report that the plan for unifying the work of the Church Extension Boards, both as it affects internal activities and closer affiliation with the other Home Boards, is being carried to progressive fulfillment. Consolidation of administration of the three Societies, which was approved in January, 1926, and which has been in force since April 1st, 1926, appears to be working well. Further adjustment, as respects details, may be expected to bring it into increased effectiveness as time goes on. Harmonious coordination of promotional, educational and administrative activities with those of the other Societies of the denomination is being realized more and more through the media of the common Board of Directors, the Secretarial Cabinet, and the Promotional Council. The new Commission on Missions, made up largely from the directorate of the Home and Foreign Boards, is expected to prove a strongly unifying influence.

### **Increased State Autonomy**

Side by side with this concentration of national work has gone a decentralizing movement which has resulted in the placing of greater responsibility on the Superintendents, Conferences and Boards in the states which are not self-supporting. In January, 1927, the Board of Directors threw the door of state autonomy wide open by its invitation to missionary states to become "cooperative" by assuming full direction of the work within their borders. Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Southern Idaho, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Utah, have entered into the new relationship and are carrying their work forward to the satisfaction of all concerned. In addition, Missouri and Washington, Self-supporting States, have agreed to take on certain administrative responsibilities formerly carried by the national office, while the Middle Atlantic Conference, including the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia, has become self-supporting and self-governing.

### **Taking over of Foreign-speaking Churches**

An ideal toward which the Extension Boards strive is that of the ultimate transfer of foreign-speaking churches to the care of the states. At the same time, they recognize the Congregational principle of self-determination. Gradually, no doubt, but surely, it is hoped, there will come about such thorough affiliation of English and foreign-speaking churches that the administration of the latter shall naturally fall to the State Conference. In the meantime, our foreign-speaking work is being carried on by national officers who, because of mother-tongue or training, or both, have especial fitness for leadership.

### **Student Summer Service**

One hundred and seven college and seminary young people were commissioned for the vacation period. Considerable publicity for this sort of work was had, because it happened that Mr. Rolf Lium, Carleton College student, was in charge of the little Congregational Church at Hermosa, South Dakota, which President Coolidge elected to attend. A leaflet, using this as a point of contact and linking Lium up with Lindbergh, written by Secretary Moore, was issued and has proved



popular. Daily Vacation Bible Schools were organized in many instances. Our Italian Mission in Brooklyn had the distinction of enrolling the largest school among white children in Greater New York. Its work was highly commended by the Daily Vacation Bible School office, which cooperated with counsel and advice as well as financially.

### **Balancing the Budget**

Mindful of the mandate of the Board of Directors expressed at the Midwinter Meeting of 1927 to the effect that this year a balanced budget should be presented, the Administrative Committee took early action last fall in constituting a special budget committee, consisting of Messrs. Alling and Bogart and Mrs. Blake. This committee found itself confronted by the fact that current contributions for the work of the Extension Boards were running somewhat under those of last year while the current expenditures were running somewhat above. The committee remembered also that the percentage accorded to the Extension Boards by the Commission on Missions had been reduced year by year and that for 1928 it would be lower than ever. Moreover, the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 1927, had disclosed a deficit of over \$70,000. Under these circumstances it appeared likely that an even larger deficit would be revealed at the close of the books in 1928.

The proposed cut naturally aroused earnest debate at Chicago. Not only the Home Missionary Superintendents but the Superintendents of the Self-supporting States gave careful attention to the loss to our work which would be occasioned by so drastic a curtailment. Eventually, the Board of Directors appointed a special committee, headed by President Page of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, and including the members of our own Budget Committee and Dr. Hill, Chairman of the Administrative Committee, to give further consideration to the matter. The report of this Committee, which recommended a reduction of ten per cent rather than twenty and an appeal to the Commission on Missions for permission to approach the State Conferences and churches for special contributions was, with some modification, adopted by the Directors. An addition of one per cent to the percentage of the Extension Boards was recommended by the Survey Committee and adopted by the Commission on Missions, but it, of course, will not be effective until 1929.

### **Measures for Financial Relief**

As just stated, certain definite measures were approved by the Commission on Missions for the immediate relief of our Treasury. These included an appeal to churches and individuals; a request to Self-supporting States for a special appropriation; the designation of the Easter Thank Offering for the Extension Boards and the taking up of a collection on Children's Day for the work of Sunday School Extension. Pursuant to this action, letters were sent to each of the state Superintendents calling attention to these recommendations and soliciting their hearty cooperation. Responses received have indicated cordial sympathy but have pretty unanimously agreed in pointing out the needs of the state work and the extreme difficulty of making an appropriation to us. In only one instance, in fact, has such an appropriation actually been made, although another state has assumed full support of one of our foreign-speaking men and in another assurance has been given that at the end of the year a contribution will be made if circumstances

permit. A considerable difference of opinion exists as to the appropriateness of our approaching the churches directly. One Conference Board has definitely resolved against it; another sends word that it would be favorable if we were to ask for a split of contributions with the state and the American Board; another, however, has asked for sufficient copies of the letter sent to Superintendents to enable them to transmit one to each pastor in the state through the state office. The recommendation as to the designation of the Easter Thank Offering encountered the obstacle of plans which had already been made in the Mid-west region for the utilization of such offerings for other purposes. Whether or not the proposal to capitalize Children's Day for the benefit of the Sunday School Extension Society will yield real results remains to be seen.

### Condition of the Treasury

The results shown by the financial statement for the completed fiscal year are such as to invite earnest study. In each of the categories where we look for "new money," as contrasted with "old money," which we receive from the repayment of loans and grants, there was a falling off, as compared with the previous year, which totaled \$64,510. This was about evenly divided between loss in contributions and in legacy receipts, the income from interest and dividends having remained substantially the same. This falling off has had the natural effect of making it necessary to curtail expenditure for missionary service, which shows a drop for the year of \$8,114. The expense of administration and promotion, on the other hand, rose by \$6,189.

A closer scrutiny of the disbursements for administration and promotion reveals that not all the items were increased. The following show **lessened** expenditures: annuities, agency expenses, clerical expenses, interdenominational expenses, interest on loans, miscellaneous, office equipment, postage, stationery and telephone, publicity and advertising, traveling expenses. The items **increased** were: American Missionary Magazine, \$1,698; Commission on Missions, \$10,716; lay pensions, \$151; meetings, \$926; rent, \$190; executive salaries, \$645; mortuary, \$2,000. It will be noted that by far the largest increase is in the case of our contribution for the expenses of common promotion under the Commission on Missions. It is a fair question whether so large an expenditure is justified in view of the total situation. This becomes especially pertinent when it is remembered that a large proportion of other promotional expense borne by the Extension Boards is joint in its nature.

### Adjustment of Deficit

What was our deficit for the year? The Church Building Society never has a deficit since it expends only so much money as it has left over after paying necessary overhead. The Sunday School Society has no deficit because it is charged only so much as its receipts cover. Our total deficit, therefore, is shown in the accounts of the Home Missionary Society. For the year just closed it was \$89,957. At the close of the year the Legacy Equalization Fund amounted to \$120,349. By vote of the Administrative Committee, one-third of the excess over \$100,000 was carried to current account, leaving a net deficit of \$83,174.

### **Action on Questions of Organization**

At its January meeting, the Board of Directors adopted the following report as presented by the Administrative Committee with respect to pending questions affecting organization:

Re Divisional Offices. The Special Committee appointed by the Administrative Committee in pursuance of the vote of the Board in January, 1927, looking to a further study of the desirability of maintaining district offices, is of the opinion that notwithstanding the increasing development of state consciousness and organization, there are still important fields of work for the Secretaries of Missions of the Eastern and Western Divisions and that these offices should be maintained.

Re Cooperating Secretaries of Administration. The special committee is further of the opinion as concerns the resolution presented to the Annual Meeting in Omaha in regard to "Cooperating Secretaries of administration, field promotion, etc., in place of the present form" that, in view of the admirable working of the present plan of organization of the Church Extension Boards, the changes in the By-laws suggested by the above motion are not required.

### **Lay Visitation of Missionary Fields**

The Extension Boards attempted a new venture last June in the organizing of a home missionary tour in Montana—new in the sense that two of the conspicuous members of the party were also members of the Executive Committee of the Societies. The personal touch afforded these members with the actual conditions of the work being done, and with the men and women who are responsible for carrying it on, was of a nature greatly to stimulate their interest. They, in their turn, brought new enthusiasm to those who were doing the work. After their return to their homes, these members were in demand as speakers before various groups desirous of hearing the story of their travels. To these requests they have responded as other responsibilities have permitted. It is hoped that the plan then inaugurated may be followed out more extensively this coming year so that interested individuals both within and without the Board may come into first-hand experience of our work as it is being done in the field.

### **The Project Plan**

Closely akin to the interest manifested by churches and individuals in the visits of missionaries who can tell the story of their own work is their interest in specific projects which, under the new Project Plan, are being assigned to them. During the year just passed the Extension Boards have cooperated by listing their work concretely for the use of the various states and by supplying detailed information from the fields represented to the churches sponsoring such pieces of work. Further development of the Project Plan may be expected under the leadership for the Home Boards of the new Project Secretary, Miss Helen Frances Smith.

### **Sunday School Extension**

The Sunday School Extension Society continues to exist as a legal entity, capable of receiving contributions, legacies and conditional gifts and of disbursing funds in the prosecution of its work. In administration, however, its work is



handled in practically all cases by the same officers and commissioned workers who are engaged in home missionary service. Its distinctive former share in service as represented in the founding and nurture of Sunday Schools, provision for Children's Day and sending out college students for summer work is now a part of the unified task. The Children's Day program for 1927 was entitled "The Friend of the Other Children" and was written by Mrs. Vera Campbell Darr, of Northampton, Massachusetts. It had a very wide circulation and warm reception. For June, 1928, a service, "The Children's Share," from the pen of Mrs. Louise L. G. Cummings, was distributed. This feature of our work necessarily entails considerable expenditure of time and money but it seems to be justified both from the standpoint of the service rendered to the churches and of the attention directed toward our responsibility as a denomination for the religious nurture of children. In preparing the program we are accorded the invaluable cooperation of the Education Society.

### **Church Building Activities**

Detailed report of the activities of the Church Building Society will be made by Secretary Smith. Suffice it to say here that the beneficent work which this agency of the churches has carried on for seventy-five years is as much needed as ever in our denominational history and is affording permanency and power to the efforts of pastors and lay-leaders throughout the land.

Statistics compiled by Secretary Leete reveal that over ten millions of dollars have been paid out in grants and loans for church building during the Society's existence and a million and a quarter in parsonage loans. In all, more than six thousand churches have been assisted in every state and territory in the United States. The twelve states which have benefited most largely are, in the order of aid received: New York, California, Illinois, Ohio, Minnesota, Washington, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Kansas. The first in the list has been aided by more than a million dollars; the last by three hundred and sixty-six thousand. As soon as the loans made are repaid, the money is reloated to other churches.

### **Our Promoted Fellow-Workers**

Heavy losses have come upon us during the past twelve months through the death of able and devoted representatives of our Societies.

Mr. Charles H. Baker, Treasurer, was stricken suddenly on the evening of December 28, 1927, on the way home from the office where, as usual, he had put in a day of active service. He came to this position in 1914 and was known widely and favorably for his business sagacity, geniality and earnest Christian life.

Rev. David J. Perrin, Superintendent in South Dakota since 1921, was another whose call came with startling suddenness. Always devoted to his work, an expert leader, a faithful brother, his going was a heavy blow to the work within and without the state.

Rev. Karl F. Henrickson, beloved General Missionary to the Finnish churches, passed to his reward on November 21, 1927, after a protracted illness.

Others who rest from their labors but whose work continues to bear fruit in the lives of many are:

Rev. Russel Bosworth, Brockton, Massachusetts  
Rev. V. Eddy Bragdon, Canterbury, New Hampshire  
Rev. Prentice A. Canada, West Pittsfield, Massachusetts  
Rev. Olin L. Fowler, Sylvan, Washington  
Rev. J. P. Inaina, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii  
Rev. James L. Mathews, Crestview, Florida  
Rev. Sherman F. Pruyn, Lanesboro, Massachusetts  
Rev. B. G. Sutton, Maybee, Michigan  
Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, Plainfield, N. J.

### Changes in Administration

The Societies have great reason for thankfulness that, in spite of these losses in personnel, capable successors have taken up the duties laid down and are carrying on effectively. In the treasurership, Mr. William T. Boulton, who was already serving in that capacity for the American Missionary Association and the Ministerial Boards, is bearing his added responsibilities to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is ably assisted by Mr. Frank F. Moore, whose years of experience in the Treasury Department have made his cooperation particularly valuable. Secretary James Robert Smith has taken over additional responsibilities in the conduct of Church Building affairs and, through adjustments in the clerical force in the New York office, is finding it possible to maintain the work at its former efficiency. In South Dakota, Rev. W. Herbert Thrall, formerly Superintendent in the state, was recalled into ad interim service pending the selection of a permanent Superintendent and has commended himself by the vigor with which he has assumed his important duties.

### Forward Steps in Interdenominational Cooperation

We are making advance toward better comity relations with other denominations. Progress is slow because human nature is habit-loving and stubborn. But the movement is gaining support and will be strengthened through the economic necessities of "Larger Parishes" and of community churches in city residential districts.

At its November meeting, 1927, the Administrative Committee put itself definitely on record to the following effect: "Voted: That the Church Extension Boards are unequivocally opposed to all unchristian competition between churches and to the encouragement of such competition through missionary aid. They pledge their hearty cooperation with other denominations in doing away with needless churches by allocating special responsibility for a field of service, by reciprocal exchanges and by other similar methods. They join in supporting such declarations and movements toward comity as have been approved by the Home Missions Council."

Sponsored by the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Federal Council, an important three-day meeting of representatives of most of the leading evangelical denominations was held at Cleveland, January 20 to 22. It was convened for the express purpose of considering the facts as they now exist in connection with denominational overlapping and under-churching. The exchange of opinion which ensued was indicative of the real interest which has been engendered in this subject and the findings of the

conference, later adopted by the Councils above referred to, recommend definite steps toward overcoming these evils and making denominational cooperation more effective. A Congregational breakfast was held at which between twenty-five and thirty persons were present. In all, there were some forty Congregationalists in attendance. The meeting was followed by sessions of the three Councils. It appears that the cause of comity is receiving definite encouragement as a result of these gatherings.

### In Conclusion

With sincere gratitude to all whose benefactions have made this great work possible; to the earnest co-laborers, paid and unpaid, whose efforts are concentrated on the opportunity represented by Church Extension; and to the Father of All in whose name and service all that we do is undertaken, the Board of Directors presents this report of a year's activities. Never before has the need for virile Christianity been greater in this country and in the world at large. Never before has opportunity called more persistently. America must become truly Christian both for the sake of its own people and for the sake of the world. The religion of Jesus Christ can free the world from sin; can save it to righteousness. In this faith we renew our strength and our consecration.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

By ERNEST M. HALLIDAY,

*General Secretary.*

### Results of the Year as Compared With Those of Two Years Preceding

("C" indicates self-supporting or "Constituent" States; "N" National Territory)

		1927	1926	1925
Number of missionary churches.....	(C)	1,039 (64)	948	1,040
	(N)	647	724	711
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>1,751</b>
Number of additional Sunday Schools virtually preaching stations.....	(C)	30 (10)	7	11
	(N)	30	102	67
	<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>78</b>
Total membership, aided churches, missions and preaching stations....	(C)	76,891 (5,539)	69,604	74,487
	(N)	37,410	35,515	34,145
	<b>Total</b>	<b>114,301</b>	<b>105,119</b>	<b>108,632</b>
Total accessions .....	(C)	7,462 (479)	7,090	8,898
	(N)	4,736	4,264	4,554
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,198</b>	<b>11,354</b>	<b>13,452</b>
Additions on confession.....	(C)	4,858 (303)	4,558	5,857
	(N)	3,290	2,809	3,258
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,148</b>	<b>7,367</b>	<b>9,115</b>
Total Sunday School enrollment.....	(C)	91,824 (9,720)	80,898	92,521
	(N)	46,391	48,845	47,356
	<b>Total</b>	<b>138,215</b>	<b>129,743</b>	<b>139,877</b>



New churches organized.....	(C)	10 (1)	12	20
	(N)	6	14	16
	Total	16	26	36
Number of missionaries.....	(C)	1,019 (71)	910	993
	(N)	520	519	485
	Total	1,539	1,429	1,478
Months of service.....	(C)	9,774 (852)	8,858	9,816
	(N)	4,784	4,814	4,789
	Total	14,558	13,672	14,605
Men needed for immediate service....	(C)	52 (2)	37	54
	(N)	40	49	57
	Total	92	86	111
Churches reaching self-support.....	(C)	20	12	21
	(N)	15	4	11
	Total	35	16	32
New church buildings.....	(C)	24	16	16
	(N)	18	20	20
	Total	42	36	36
New parsonages .....	(C)	7	11	9
	(N)	9	10	6
	Total	16	21	15
Men serving single fields.....	(C)	783 (51)	683	708
	(N)	307	290	289
	Total	1,090	973	997
Men serving two or more fields.....	(C)	236 (20)	227	294
	(N)	213	215	184
	Total	449	442	478
Churches, missions and preaching stations among the foreign-born....	(C)	184 (54)	212	178
	(N)	161	68	126
	Total	345	280	304
English-speaking churches doing work among the foreign-born.....	(C)	35	27	21
	(N)	5	6	2
	Total	40	33	23
Number of student summer workers..	(N)	107	117	80

Note :—Figures for 1925 and 1927 include statistics from Hawaii. In order that proper comparison may be made with the similar statistics for 1926, which did not include the Hawaiian work, the 1927 Hawaiian statistics are inserted in parenthesis.

## Distribution of Missionaries by States

Maine .....	76	Kentucky .....	7
New Hampshire .....	40	Ohio .....	45
Vermont .....	46	Indiana .....	5
Massachusetts .....	174	Illinois .....	110
Rhode Island .....	7	Missouri .....	14
Connecticut .....	78	Michigan .....	57
New York .....	65	Wisconsin .....	45
New Jersey .....	21	Iowa .....	17
Pennsylvania .....	29	Minnesota .....	50
Delaware .....	1	Kansas .....	15
Maryland .....	2	Nebraska .....	28
District of Columbia .....	2	North Dakota .....	46
Virginia .....	2	South Dakota .....	77
North Carolina .....	9	Colorado .....	48
South Carolina .....	3	Wyoming .....	13
Georgia .....	8	Montana .....	55
Alabama .....	7	Utah .....	5
Louisiana .....	5	Idaho .....	15
Arkansas .....	1	California .....	76
Florida .....	19	Oregon .....	23
Texas .....	23	Washington .....	53
Oklahoma .....	18	Alaska .....	1
New Mexico .....	9	Hawaii .....	71
Arizona .....	10		
Tennessee .....	8	Total .....	1,539

## Foreign-speaking Work

During the year, the Society, including the Self-supporting States, has had 345 foreign-speaking missions which employed, in all, twenty-four languages other than English.

Albanian .....	3	Indian .....	1
Armenian .....	20	Italian .....	13
Assyrian .....	2	Japanese .....	19
Bulgarian .....	1	Polish .....	2
Chinese .....	10	Portuguese .....	4
Czecho-Slovak .....	19	Spanish .....	16
Dano-Norwegian .....	8	Swede-Finn .....	1
Filipino .....	5	Swedish .....	35
Finnish .....	49	Syrian .....	1
French .....	5	Turkish .....	1
German .....	89	Welsh .....	6
Greek .....	5		
Hawaiian .....	30	Total .....	345

These were divided among the states as follows:

California, North .....	3	New Mexico .....	9
California, South .....	15	New York .....	8
Connecticut .....	19	North Dakota .....	7
Colorado .....	10	Ohio .....	8
Florida .....	1	Oklahoma .....	4
Hawaii .....	54	Oregon .....	4
Idaho .....	4	Pennsylvania .....	12
Illinois .....	7	Rhode Island .....	2
Iowa .....	1	South Dakota .....	11
Kansas .....	5	Texas .....	2
Louisiana .....	1	Vermont .....	1
Maine .....	4	Virginia .....	2
Massachusetts .....	63	Washington .....	22
Michigan .....	5	West Texas .....	2
Minnesota .....	13	Wisconsin .....	14
Montana .....	8	Wyoming .....	2
Nebraska .....	12		
New Hampshire .....	5		
New Jersey .....	5	Total .....	345

# REVIEW OF THE FIELD

## WESTERN DIVISION

A good year is reported from every section of the field in 1927. Some changes have occurred in the personnel. Rev. Frank E. Henry at the close of 1927 resigned from the Assistant Superintendency of Montana after many years of faithful and effective service. Home Missions met a great loss in February, 1928, in the death of Rev. David J. Perrin, D.D., Superintendent of Missions in South Dakota. Practically his whole life was spent in South Dakota. As a boy he lived on a South Dakota farm, graduated from Yankton College and Chicago Seminary, served in home missionary churches, returned to the state as pastor of home missionary churches, served as Assistant Superintendent in the Black Hills district, and in 1921 was called to the Superintendency of the state.

The supply of ministers seems greater than the demand. From indications all over the country, a large number of men are for various reasons seeking Congregational fellowship. Funds are unavailable in missionary districts to keep all of the fields filled. Conditions in agricultural sections are better than a year ago. Regions drought stricken for several years raised good crops last summer. Gradually the depression so keenly felt, especially in the Dakotas and Eastern Montana, has given way to hope and expectation. It will take some time for this relief to be fully reflected in church budgets. The fact that in the face of this depression the apportionment has been so nearly reached indicates the loyal spirit of the home missionary states.

The Cooperating State relationship seems to be working satisfactorily. None of the states that adopted the plan desires to return to the former relationship. The assumption of more responsibility has aroused the state Boards to meet the challenge. Matters relative to state administration can be handled quickly and effectively through the state office. Laymen recognize the magnitude of the work and its significance and are willing to give time to special problems.

Students employed in the Western Division last year served with exceptional ability. Fifty-nine were employed from seven seminaries and sixteen colleges. It is a hopeful sign that several seminary trained men who have served in the West now look to that section of the country for a permanent settlement.

Many churches have come to self-support in the Western Division during the year. Oregon leads in number, with several to follow soon. Lawton, Oklahoma, distinguished itself also this year by coming to self-support. This achievement is notable, as only eight years ago the Home Missionary Society was paying practically the entire salary in this place.

One outstanding new church organization was effected in Amarillo, Texas, in March, 1927. At the end of the year, the church has a membership of upwards of one hundred, the Sunday School seventy-five, and a substantial fund toward the purchase of a lot.

FRANK LINCOLN MOORE,

*Secretary of Missions, Western Division.*



### EASTERN DIVISION

A continuing service has for another year meant the essential touch for every human need. Thus, throughout the Eastern Division of our Church Extension Boards' service, beginning at "Our Washington Window" and reaching out over a missionary territory from northern Indiana to the tip of Florida, and from the Atlantic Seaboard to the Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico, an area has been served comprising nearly a half million square miles with a population of almost forty thousand. There has been a very definite and sincere understanding of that which men live by and work for. The experiences of common circumstance and daily routine have been reckoned with. In the daily facing of another year of glowing life, folks have been helped. This has been the great objective.

During the year, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia have been reorganized into the Middle Atlantic Conference. The Conference Superintendent remains in charge of the Pennsylvania work also, and in this way the entire territory is under united leadership.

In the missionary territory involved, there are 296 white Congregational churches, with a membership of 34,670; a church and mission school enrollment of 33,296; property values of \$8,116,290; home expenses, \$798,354; apportionment receipts, \$62,945; total benevolences, \$97,245.

In the Negro Congregational churches, numbering 139, which are the direct responsibility of the American Missionary Association, we are doing constructive Sunday School and young people's work, and also aiding with grants of literature. Two full-time Extension Workers are under our commission and four Student Summer Service helpers.

Types of service include city centers, such as Gary, Indianapolis and Terre Haute, Indiana; Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania; Albemarle, Asheville, Raleigh, Charleston and Columbia, in the Carolinas; Atlanta, La Grange and Columbus in Georgia; Crossville and Memphis in Tennessee; Jacksonville, Miami and Tampa in Florida. Tourist points are growing in Congregational numbers and influence. Rural parishes are grouped for more effective service under efficient leadership. From Robbins Range, Tennessee, to Crestview, West Florida, and from Star, North Carolina to Andalusia in Southern Alabama, there is a string of such parishes with memberships reaching 400, and in several instances the possibility of influencing as many as one thousand children and youth.

Mountaineer parishes, just ready for a strong forward movement; industrial churches in the making; bilingual work in a few centers; Student Summer Service with a choice group selected from twenty-one educational institutions and serving in sixteen states; Young People's Summer and Week End Conferences in every state; five educational institutions of a distinctly missionary character; interdenominational service through the Home Missions Council and the Missionary Education Movement are various channels for service which represent what we are facing in a land that is always new and never fails of having a challenge.

Our world, our Father, our thinking, our service, center our lives in the things we can and should do, whatever they may be. This in service means living up to what has been called "the church of the minimum creed and the maximum deed."

W. KNIGHTON BLOOM,

*Secretary of Missions, Eastern Division.*

## COLORADO

The Rocky Mountain Range practically divides Colorado into two parts, the eastern half of the state consisting of a widely-extending plain dotted here and there with dry farming sections and small trading points. The western half of the state is mountainous and the chief industry is mining. Both of these two very important industries have suffered seriously during the past few years because of adverse conditions in agriculture and mining. Our home mission enterprises in these sections are a continual problem. Poor conditions in these two industries cause villages to diminish rapidly in population, resulting in greatly decreased finances for the support of our missionary work. However, there is always the hope that the next year will see improved conditions and so the general workers in the state cooperate to the utmost with the loyal groups remaining in these discouraged communities. Silverton, Cripple Creek, Telluride, Rico, Crested Butte, and Creede are illustrations of the difficulties found in maintaining our home missionary work in the mining communities. In some of these communities which have the brighter outlook for the future, by increasing the appropriation, we have been able to maintain pastors in regular service. In other communities, where the financial situation makes it impossible to support a full-time pastor in the field, we have carried on the services by means of "yoking"; and in other fields, where the financial support is almost negligible, we attempt to continue the work by giving them a monthly service by one or other of the general workers from the state office.

A similar situation occurs in the villages in the eastern agricultural section of the state.

Our home missionary work in the larger communities has been very encouraging during the past year. Some years ago, a section in Pueblo, a mile square, where reside many of the workers in the steel mills of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, was allocated to us. Plans have been matured for the launching of this enterprise upon a strong program of community service. The group of missionary churches in Denver has made good progress. Berkeley Church is building a substantial addition to its present church building. Second Church has completed a fine addition to its building and the dedicatory services will be held in the near future. Sixth Avenue Church, which for a time was threatened with disaster because of the heavy indebtedness incurred in erecting the new building, is gradually forging ahead. Washington Park has erected a new church building.

During the year, the Moffat Tunnel, six and one-half miles in length, piercing the main Rocky Mountain range, has opened up a vast extent of new territory in the western part of the state. Our missionary churches along this line of railroad are anticipating a great future therefrom.

The statistics for the year show that our ninety-five churches increased their membership by adding 1,350 members, 726 by confession. Two churches were added during the year. Berthoud (Bethlehem, German), and Vine Church of Denver. During the past year twenty-three of our churches have passed through the trying experience of change in the pastorate, twenty-five pastors have resigned, and seventeen have accepted calls. We are glad to report a growing interest in our world-missionary program and to note the gratifying increase in missionary gifts.

**DANO-NORWEGIAN DEPARTMENT (THE)**

The Dano-Norwegian churches that need missionary aid are decreasing in number, due to their coming to self-support or to their reaching the end of their mission as churches ministering to a foreign-speaking people in a foreign tongue. Immigration is reduced to a few thousand a year, the quota of Danes and Norwegians for 1927 being only 3,267 and these drift mainly into the large cities for work. Many find their way into the large churches in Boston, Brooklyn, and Chicago. Our Salem Church in Chicago, which has a dormitory building for young men and women, reports about two hundred coming to them for fellowship and help in language study and to obtain work. This meager immigration and the passing away of the generation of people with whom our Scandinavian work started some forty years ago accounts for the closing up of some churches, more especially those that have no field for the development of English-speaking work. In the Dano-Norwegian Department the number of churches has steadily decreased on this account, so that now we have only seven on the list.

**Ohio**

In Cleveland there are said to be about 2,000 Danes and Norwegians scattered over the city. Our church is conveniently located and is endeavoring to minister to them, our pastor having about 200 families he is cultivating and helping in every way possible. Reports show an increase in attendance at services, in the Sunday School and in the pastor's class. Special attention is given to Lake sailors, for whom there is a special Christmas festival, when each is given a present provided by the ladies' society. The pastor reports growing interest and believes there is a mission for this church in Cleveland. The church has a valuable property, acquired by years of hard struggle and now it provides partly for expenses by rentals.

**Wisconsin**

Clintonville has an active group of Norwegians who maintain work in their own tongue and in English. They publish a monthly church paper in English, "The Church Link," and this holds the interest of the families and those who have gone to other places. It brings some back once a year for the home-coming meeting. The young people have given church pageants. This church joins the other three churches of the place in union meetings Sunday nights and cooperates in a Community Religious Education School, in which the pastors of the four churches are the faculty. The rural Norwegian church at Navarino is yoked with this church, holding its services Sunday afternoons. The pastor also serves the English-speaking church at Galesburg.

At Maple Valley, the church is almost wholly Americanized, Norwegian being used only in occasional services, at funerals, and in personal contacts. In this rural field many young people have come into the Christian life, have been trained in church work, and then have left to become a strength to churches elsewhere. During the year twenty-five young people were received into membership, coming up through the Sunday School and the pastor's class. Yoked with it is a little church at Pulcifer, where a few families remain. The town is densely foreign and spiritually dead, and efforts are made here to draw the young people to services in our little white church on the hill. The two English-speaking



churches at Lakewood and Unity Center belong in this group and were developed under the eight years' pastorate of Rev. M. C. Holmes. He left in September and has become pastor of the Scandinavian church in Portland, Maine. A new pastor, Rev. J. C. Jorgensen, is at work.

### **City Work**

The stronger, unaided Dano-Norwegian churches are in the larger cities: Boston, Brooklyn, Jersey City, Hoboken, New Haven, Hartford, Chicago, and elsewhere. Usually they call themselves "Free Evangelical." The Congregational and independent churches fellowship in a National Association, which controls an academy with a theological department in Minneapolis, and maintains a weekly religious paper, "Evangelisten." This publication has an annual deficit which has to be made up by the churches. Last year a small group of pastors undertook to do the editorial work free and the paper is published alternately in Norwegian and English. The Superintendent is welcomed into all of these churches and cultivates them in the hope that they will better understand and come into closer cooperation with our Congregational work.

### **FINNISH DEPARTMENT (THE)**

The Finnish churches mourn the loss of Rev. Karl F. Henrickson, who more than any other was instrumental in developing our work among these people. His activities had extended from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and his influence had touched every field. Most significant was his work in training ministers in the school which after some years in Revere and Cambridge is now connected with Union Theological College in Chicago. Over fifty workers in this school came under his leadership. He was active in the work to the end, passing to his reward in November in Quincy, Massachusetts, where the funeral service was held in the church where he had been pastor. His widow was left with four dependent children.

The work among the Finnish churches is expanding, especially in Minnesota and on the Pacific coast. Building projects are quite definitely under way in four or five of the fields, and a new man has been added to the workers on the West Coast, Rev. E. J. Hamalainen having gone to Winlock, Washington, and adjoining fields, from a successful pastorate at West Wareham.

### **Other Foreign-speaking Groups**

In the Armenian field there have been no particular developments, but the principal church, in Detroit, shows steady gain, and a multiplicity of good works that is unusual. What is really needed in this field is the development of a service for the scattered groups of these people in communities where it would be folly to think of an organized church, yet where there are individuals who need pastoral care and children who should be led into connection with local American churches which for the most part do not know that these folks exist. Such service would have the merit of being really useful; but it would be expensive, and it would be unusual.

The Bulgarian center in Chicago has improved the appearance of its quarters and somewhat extended its work during the year. It is becoming recognized as the meeting place of the Bulgarian students in the city. Mrs. Vidoloff has de-



veloped an extended ministry by publishing some forty articles, chiefly of a religious character, some translated but mostly original, in "Naroden Glas," the secular paper which has the widest circulation among Bulgarians in America.

### FLORIDA

Florida has been passing through the second year of reaction and in many respects the second year is harder than the first, inasmuch as reserves become exhausted. There are indications that the next few months will see a change as this season has been in many respects a gratifying one. There have been a good many tourists in the state and the celery and citrus crops have been very profitable. The churches have all had to retrench more or less and some have had desperately hard financial situations to face. However, it is surprising how well most of the churches came through the year. For the first time in several years Florida did not reach her apportionment which had been voluntarily increased by \$3,000 two years ago. However, the apportionment given by the churches (not including "undesignated gifts") only fell off \$1,200, which is surprising considering some of the local conditions.

In other than the financial matters the condition of our churches has been good. Pastor after pastor reports larger congregations and increasing interest and devotion. During the past year more new members were received upon confession of faith than in any year in Florida Congregational history.

There were fewer received by letter and the number of removals by letter and revision was larger than usual, so that the net gain of 407 did not equal the net increase of the two past years which were peak years. The churches of the Florida Conference now have a membership of 4,656. There has been a substantial gain in the membership of the Young People's Societies while the Sunday School enrollment remains about the same. There has been no diminution, however, in the effectiveness of our schools.

The aided churches have given a good report of themselves. There were thirteen such, one of them, however, being aided only by Student Summer Service and by occasional supply, and another had non-resident supply preaching. The others had full-time pastors except during pastoral changes. In spite of financial conditions, only one church has been added to the regularly aided list. This church has had no regular pastor for some years. A new parsonage was built with the aid of the Building Society and the church now has an effective resident minister and fine progress is being made.

The aided churches reported a membership of 807, with accessions of 188, of whom 123 were on confession. The net gain by the aided churches was twenty per cent while that of the state as a whole was 10 per cent. There were 1,147 in the Sunday Schools of the aided churches.

A Minister's Convocation, held at Rollins College and well attended, undoubtedly will become an annual affair. Special aid made possible the attendance of all commissioned pastors.

The second annual Young People's Summer Conference was a success and one result of the young people's program in the state is seen in the increased membership and vitality of our societies.

### GERMAN DEPARTMENT (THE)

The German churches can again report progress though not as much as in former years, and for two reasons: necessarily diminished home missionary support, and lack of acceptable workers to man the vacant fields. However, during the year we added to our churches Clinton, Oklahoma; Kimberley, Idaho; Dupree, South Dakota; and Mobridge, South Dakota. To self-support came: Friend, Nebraska; Gering, Nebraska; Michigan City, Indiana; and Wishek, South Dakota. Seven church buildings were dedicated: Shattuck, Oklahoma; Sterling, Colorado; Herreid, South Dakota; Denver, Colorado; First, Portland, Oregon; "Brethren," Brush, Colorado; and "Ebenezer," Lincoln, Nebraska. Four of these are brick structures. Most of them were aided by the Church Building Society. Two churches were united and were thereby mutually strengthened. Seven candidates were ordained for the gospel ministry.

Sixty-five home mission churches in seventeen states were served by sixty-one missionary pastors, who gave more than 568 months of service. The membership of these churches is 4,479; that of the Sunday Schools is 4,649. Their accessions to membership were 543 by confession and fifty-four by letter, a total of 597. Ten more men could profitably be employed in mission work.

Three men beside the Superintendent continue in the general work of the department: Rev. John Hoelzer of Denver, Colorado, for the Mid-western and Western states; Rev. G. Graedel of Odessa, Washington, for the North Pacific Conference, which shares in his support; and Rev. Peter Ruder for the Dakotas, whose support is shared in by these states jointly with the Home Missionary Society. These men are consecrated and loyal. The Superintendent's time was about equally divided between the office and the field, East and West. He traveled 48,326 miles, visited seventy-two churches and forty-four Sunday Schools, preached sixty-one sermons and gave eighty-one other addresses. He visited ten State Conferences.

As treasurer for the missionary contributions of the churches connected with the German General Conference, to be distributed according to percentages among the different Societies and other objects, he handled the amount of \$36,492. This is not all that had been given, of course, for some churches prefer to distribute their gifts through other channels, which is their privilege according to our fellowship.

All of the above may be merely names and figures to some, but to others, who can read behind them, they may tell the simple but eloquent story of the German Department of the great foster mother of Congregationalism, the Congregational Home Missionary Society.

### IDAHO (SOUTHERN)

In Southern Idaho, the past year has been one in which small advance has been made in our mission churches. While agriculture has been coming back slowly, the movement out of the smaller towns toward the larger ones has not yet ceased. We shall have to face the fact that if our work in a number of these communities is looked upon as church extension, reading into that the building of self-supporting churches, we had better close our work. I can see no time in the immediate future when Challis, Council, Bruneau, Grand View, McCall, Fargo, Fairview, Hammet or Indian Cover will be much nearer self-support than they are now. Fortunately, or unfortunately, those who planted these churches planted

them in isolated communities off the railroad mostly, where there not only has been little growth but really a loss in population. Whatever we may have to say as to the wisdom of the planting of these churches, the fact is that they have been planted and we have the sole responsibility for the work in these communities. If there is enough of the real missionary spirit in the Congregational churches to continue to support such work on a missionary basis, without thought of its coming to self-support, well and good. If not, we should close out in most of these places at our earliest opportunity.

Let us not feel that we are doing all of this kind of work that is being done in the state. Bishop Barnwell, of the Episcopal denomination, told us the other day that his church was putting \$60,000 per year into the state of Idaho. They have had far smaller results than we have. The Presbyterian Church has been pouring in money for years, also with comparatively small results. In this environment, we shall have to face the fact that Christians have a long pull ahead of them, with comparatively small results, as we face the Mormon invasion and the paganism of the old West, of which there is a marked recrudescence these days.

Southern Idaho lost two good men last year: Ford, of McCall, whose health broke, and who had to go to a lower altitude, and Ingham. Ford refused easy work out on the Coast, and accepted lumber camp work in Washington, at a lower altitude than he had had. He is one of the choice souls. We have been supplying Grand View and McCall since the loss of these two men. Knight, our pastor-at-large, handling Grand View, Bruneau, and Taggart, former pastor at Weiser, going to McCall each week. We have men in mind for both places this spring or fall. Irwin, a fine vigorous fellow, came to us at Challis and is doing things there. Miss McCheyne is doing good work at Rockland, though her vigorous program is rather upsetting to the folks there. I believe they are going to rise to it, however.

We succeeded in getting title to land for our Summer Conference on Payette Lake last summer. The Conference has put about \$700 into it so far and will have to continue to put money in. This is our greatest unifying force, however, and we are pressing it to the limit.

## INDIANA

The "merger" year has been a bit uncertain in many ways, but the annual reports show a loyalty to our institutions and benevolent Boards that is a credit to all the churches. There has been a goodly number of additions to the membership, but a pruning of the rolls here and there has largely offset the gains. Every church has received a list of projects carefully prepared so that all our national Boards find some place in the projects of each church. The harmony of church officials with state and national workers has been a joy to everybody. The visits of representatives of the national Societies have been very welcome. The Conference hopes that the interest and concern shown by the Extension Boards during the year may be continued to the state during 1928.

## MONTANA

### Montana Forging Ahead

The period of depression in Montana has passed. For many months the Wall Street Journal listed Montana in white, indicating business conditions "Good," the



largest "White" area in the United States. We lost banks in the period of deflation, but we got over it much earlier than some states. We did not suffer so much deflation, because our land and other values had not been so abnormally inflated. A good crop in 1926 and a "bumper" crop in 1927 put the smile back on "Mighty Montana."

### **The Call to Advance**

The growing prosperity of the state has carried with it a call to the church to advance. There are vast unserved areas beckoning. New railroads are being built, and new settlers coming in. The principle of allocation, through the Home Missions Council, makes us especially and specifically responsible for great areas—far more than we are serving adequately.

### **The Order to Retrench**

This call to advance in Montana made the order to cut the budget, due to national deficit, all the more distressing. We felt that we must enlarge our work to meet the need, or even approach it. This meant we needed increased allowances. We appreciate the heroic response of the denomination in the Mid-winter Meeting and the reduction of the cut from twenty per cent to ten per cent. By dropping one field worker and reducing office and other expense we succeeded in meeting the cut with little reduction in allowances to the churches and pastors.

### **Eastern Montana Advances**

Due largely to the skill and diligence of Rev. O. P. Avery, Assistant Superintendent, and to the fact of his residing at Glendive, on the eastern border, the whole eastern part of the state from Wyoming to Canada has been organized into ten "Larger Parishes," an area about 100 miles wide and 276 miles long.

### **Vacation Church Schools**

Seventy-four Vacation Church Schools were held—about twice as many as we have pastors in the state. This was accomplished with the aid of a corps of eight student workers. Most of these schools were in isolated school districts in the Larger Parishes, out as far as 135 miles from the railroad.

### **"Congregational Service Cars"**

A big need, yes, and essential, in our work of serving scattered people, is motorization. A missionary pastor simply must have help in covering the great distances. We cannot expect him to cover all of the excessive cost of travel. And we can afford to provide him with help on his car, for he gets along largely without investment in church buildings. The kind of property he needs is portable equipment—car, picture-machine, hymn books, etc. If the pastor who serves a "point" is entitled to thousands of dollars investment in buildings and fuel and janitor service, why is not the man who serves as many or more people scattered over an area entitled to some investment?

With high appreciation of the splendid aid of the Church Extension Boards, and with the lure of expanding unmet needs upon us, we press on in "Mighty Montana."



## OREGON

The year marked the change for us from missionary to cooperative state relationship with the Church Extension Boards. In view of this change, the Oregon Conference asked that the joint supervision of Oregon and Southern Idaho be discontinued. These changes have worked out very harmoniously for all concerned, and we believe to the benefit of the work of each Conference. Our church at Ontario, Oregon, because of its proximity to the Idaho territory, was transferred to the Southern Idaho Conference. As our Conference is now organized, the Board of Directors, consisting of eighteen members, one third of whom are women, meets monthly for the transaction of business excepting during the summer. The women's work is an integral part of the State Conference, and the officers of the women's organization meet regularly with the Board of Directors of the Conference.

In our English-speaking home missionary work, twenty missionaries served for a total of 201 months. The membership of the churches so ministered to is 1,786, the accessions during the year were 255 on confession and 141 by letter, a total of 396, or an increase of twenty-two per cent. Over fifty per cent of the churches increased their contribution to benevolences. One church, Knight Memorial, Salem, came to self-support; and two new church buildings, Finnish Mission, and Highland, Portland, were dedicated. During the year Freewater Federated Church, 264 members, which has been independent of denominational connection, came into full fellowship relation with the Conference.

The young people held their second annual Assembly at Jennings Lodge, June 22 to 29, with seventy-five in attendance, which was double that of the first gathering. Following the Assembly representatives from the Young People's Societies throughout the state have held four rallies, meeting on Sunday afternoons with different churches. Such gatherings have kept interest keen in the work of the Assembly, but what may be of still greater importance has been the growing bond of fellowship between the young people of our churches. This ought to count for much in the years to come when they are "carrying on" the work. The Vacation Schools are growing in interest and scope. Last summer three students were at work in the state.

A new move, and we feel a forward one in the interest of missionary education and promotion, was taken when Miss Helen Hawke, field worker for the northwest area under the Commission on Missions, was employed for work in this territory. It may take some time to realize the benefits from such efforts, but we believe that time will yield abundant returns for the investment being made.

## PENNSYLVANIA

On the first day of June, 1927, the Pennsylvania Conference was accorded the status of a Cooperating State. The effect of this change was marked. The officers of the Conference have taken greater interest in the churches, while the judgment of the Executive Committee in passing upon applications for missionary aid is resulting in greater economy of denominational funds.

The cut in the missionary appropriation for 1928 has been a severe disappointment. It had been our hope that funds would be available this year for the employment of a General Missionary. Such a worker is sorely needed in this

large state, which is one of six in charge of a Superintendent who has no assistant.

Notwithstanding the disturbance caused by the merger and the interruption of the work of the women due to reorganization, the contributions of the churches of the Conference for 1927 were only 6.4 per cent less than in 1926. This does not include contributions from the churches in Pennsylvania belonging to the Evangelical Protestant Conference.

### SLAVIC DEPARTMENT (THE)

Our Slavic Work touches only three of the fifteen or more branches of the great Slavic family, about one hundred and twenty-five million people, of whom about five million are in the United States. Returned missionaries of the American Board, Rev. Henry A. Schauffler and Rev. E. A. Adams, undertook work among the Czechs and Slovaks in the early '80's and people and workers out of our American Board field in Bohemia and Moravia became constituents of our Slavic groups in missions and churches. This year students from Oberlin and from Schaffner Training School worked among Polish people in Detroit, Cleveland, Bay City, Michigan, and Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, and our denomination shares with other denominations in supporting work among the Polish people in Chicago.

The need of evangelizing and Americanizing work is very great. Protestantism has not reached very far into the Slavic population. However, it is hard to measure its extent, as the leaven has been working quietly for years and results are not easily discernible and certainly cannot be measured by church statistics. Prejudice, superstition, old world customs, old time creeds and forms of worship must be changed and the confidence of the people won before they will even consider the ways of our free faith. The work does help men and women to become better neighbors and citizens and some become loyal, earnest members of our churches. In one center the policemen urged our workers to continue their open-air services, because of their quieting influence and aid in keeping order.

Of the eighteen organized churches formerly under our care, two became English-speaking, two discontinued, and one was turned over to the Presbyterians during the year. Thirteen are now actively at work in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Virginia and Michigan.

The National Home Missionary Society is aiding nine churches with seven missions, served by eleven missionaries.

#### Ohio

Cyril Church, Cleveland, under Rev. A. J. Moncol, has improved the church building, putting in new pews and a new furnace, and now is improving the parsonage. Special efforts are made to hold the children and young people. The church is adding to its membership and has a good field for Czechoslovak work.

#### Pennsylvania

When the Pittsburgh church had paid the last installment of the Church Building Society loan, it set about renovating and improving the property at an expense of about \$2,000. The building was rededicated and the twenty-fifth anniversary celebrated in September. School children of the neighborhood planted

trees and sowed grass seed. The church stands near the walls of the state penitentiary and in a tenement district, so the very appearance of the building counts for something to the neighborhood. The work is vigorous. Nine young people joined at Easter. The Sunday School won the banner of the local Sunday School Convention.

At Braddock our church stands near the steel plant, in a Slavic and Negro population. For some time the work languished. Since the coming of Rev. George Hankovsky, the people have taken on new courage. They have painted the building, put on a new roof, put in electric lighting and installed a new furnace, the cost amounting to about \$1,800. In October the building was rededicated in connection with the thirty-seventh anniversary of the organization. Seven Slavic ministers and eleven missionaries have come out of this little organization and it is the mother of several other churches. The pastor reports progress in all departments of work and rejoices in a spirit of cooperation and sacrifice in the members.

At Duquesne they dedicated last year a fine new building on a new site with a parsonage adjoining. Enlarged facilities have enabled the church to widen its work for young and old. Nineteen new members were received at Easter. This year they built a three-car garage on the end of the lot, solid brick and cement construction. The Steel Company gave much of the materials and the members donated most of the work, so they have a building valued at some \$3,000 for an outlay of about \$700. It will bring an income to the church. Pastor Andrew Gavlik in this, as in all the work, continues to give fine leadership.

At Charleroi the city suffers from non-employment and so the church finds it hard to meet its financial obligations. The membership is small but loyal and self-sacrificing. The pastor reports growing interest and attendance and new additions to membership. This church extends its work to Monessen, across the river.

The young people of our four churches in the Pittsburgh District hold quarterly rallies together in one of the churches with inspirational addresses, music by the choirs, testimonies and prayers and a supper to promote sociability. The offering taken up supports a missionary in Slovakia, who is spreading the truth of our Congregational free faith and life in the villages of the Carpathians.

### Minnesota

At St. Paul the Czechoslovak church had a rededication service in May. The building had been raised, a good basement put under it, the auditorium enlarged, new pews and a new furnace purchased, and other improvements made at a cost of about \$6,000. It is now a beautiful and convenient church and gives facilities for enlarged work. The people rejoiced in this achievement and no one more than the pastor, Rev. C. J. Trecka, who has served this church thirty-one years and is beloved by all.

At South Elmdale our church stands in a rural community made up almost entirely of Slavic, German, and Scandinavian people. The pastor, Rev. Adolf Yukl, has a many-sided ministry. He preaches in Czechoslovak and English, conducts the Sunday School, the Christian Endeavor, classes for instruction in doctrines, singing, language and helps with many problems in the social life of the community.

### Virginia

Our Czechoslovak church in Prince George has two buildings, one in the country and one in the railroad town of Disputanta. Preaching services and Sunday School work are maintained in both. Twenty-six young people were added to the church and the work among them and the children is very promising. They are the new Virginians of Prince George County. Miss Yukl did excellent student work among them last summer and it is hoped that some student with an understanding of this Slovak-American situation can be secured for next summer.

### Michigan

Our Polish church in Detroit has been encouraged and revived with the recent coming of Rev. Paul Kozielek who for the second time takes the leadership of this work. There are said to be about 180,000 Polish people in Detroit. Many of them are untouched by religious influences and we have a field for important work. Mr. Kozielek is reorganizing the forces of the church for an earnest forward movement among the Polish people and finds many of them friendly and glad to respond to his efforts. It is a difficult and trying task and we should give him our hearty sympathy, prayers, and support.

The light of our evangelical free faith and mode of worship is penetrating more and more into the Slavic groups of America. Let us not fear to disclose it to them. They sorely need our ideals of Christian liberty and American citizenship.

### SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT (THE) and SOUTHERN MISSOURI

The field force for the year consisted of the Superintendent and two assistants, Rev. Lucian J. Marsh in the northern part and Rev. Samuel Holden in the southern half.

In Missouri five of the ten points were unorganized stations. It should be stated that the organization of three churches and the complete reorganization of two others helps to account for a high number of accessions in this region, which constitutes over twenty-one per cent of the total membership of the missionary churches.

One outstanding fact of the year is that the contributions in Oklahoma to the apportionment amounted to \$3,599 and marks a gain of more than thirteen per cent over those of the preceding year. Six churches paid their apportionment in full: Gentry, Hillsdale, Lawton, Lone Star, Manchester and Tulsa. Besides taking its place in this honor roll, Lawton distinguished itself by coming to self-support at the year's end. Rev. A. M. Wallock is pastor. This fine result in Oklahoma is the fruit largely of the strong leadership of Dr. Frank M. Sheldon of Pilgrim Church and of the tireless efficiency of the women's state and local missionary organizations, especially of the state officers, Mrs. J. E. Davis, Mrs. Albertis Montgomery and Mrs. R. E. Newsome.

The organization of the new church in Amarillo is a feature of the year. Dr. Robert Allingham came to Amarillo February 1st. The charter membership list was opened in March, and on May 15th the organization was effected with eighty members, which at the year's end had increased to 106. At the beginning a Sunday



School was organized with seventy members and regular services have been maintained to date. This youngest of our churches is now renting a church building and pressing aggressively forward. Two other churches have been organized, one in Missouri and one in Louisiana, both rural, with a combined membership of upwards of seventy.

Sufficient account was given in the narrative for 1926 of the new church buildings acquired by our churches at Dallas, Junius Heights, and Houston. But the dedications of these splendid new buildings came within this year. The village church in Goltry, Oklahoma, Rev. William M. Oakes, pastor, completed a very attractive and creditable meeting-house, brick, with main floor and basement, affording ample facilities for worship, educational and social ministries, with a stage for pageantry and dramatics, at a cost of \$18,000. It was an altogether worthy achievement and with the generous aid of the Church Building Society the finances are being handled with success.

Again we are privileged to report a very successful Young People's Summer Conference at Waxahachie, Texas and Oklahoma Congregationalists cooperating happily with the Presbyterians U. S. A. The attendance from our side reached fifty, forty-four of whom were full-time enrollments. The activities of the young people were greater than ever and the program throughout was strong.

During the year in Texas a decided step toward greater efficiency was taken by the adoption of a new Conference constitution, providing for a State Board of Directors and bringing Texas into line as an organized state. The new Board has had several meetings, is functioning splendidly and is in full sympathy with our Congregational work, state, national and world-wide. Set in the light of its historic background, this is a most satisfactory and significant situation.

At the beginning of 1928, the work in Southern Missouri passed logically to the Missouri State Conference under the care of Superintendent C. C. Burger. A word should be given concerning the fields involved. At the request of former Superintendent Atwood, representatives of the Springfield Association and of the Home Missionary Society, the Department of the Central South, has directed this work for two and a half years. We have maintained work mostly in Ozark, Carter and Butler counties, employing three missionaries. Assistant Superintendent Marsh of Oklahoma has given many weeks to these fields. A slow beginning was made in long-neglected communities. Only during this last summer have significant returns been garnered. Our missionaries have served ten churches and stations, with nine Sunday Schools. Much general work for community uplift has been done and three churches organized. The one at Broseley, with sixty-three members, has acquired a modest meeting-house; the second is at Union Hill with sixty members, and the third at Hickory Hill with twelve members. In Grandin the village church has been greatly reinforced by the coming in of rural members, its enrollment having advanced from less than a dozen to eighty-seven. The work at Noble has been kept up profitably. Rev. Fred G. Wangelin at Grandin has done Herculean service, and Rev. W. H. Thomlinson at Broseley accomplished remarkable results in a very difficult field. We realize that we turn over to Superintendent Burger a difficult and exacting piece of missionary work and we wish him the highest success.

### **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT (THE)**

#### **Georgia, Alabama and West Florida**

This group is made up of three states which will be real missionary territory for the next ten years, but they offer an opportunity as well as a problem. Outstandingly rural, the present trend is towards the cities, where Congregationalism failed in the past to make its work effective. The few large centers where we have churches are being watched carefully, and in two cities the church properties have been sold and the organizations will be relocated. Other places are being surveyed and Congregationally-minded people are urging organization as soon as adequate financial resources and strong leadership can be provided.

Rural work is being reorganized on the larger parish plan, so as to make possible a well-trained ministry and necessary salary support. Such a plan also includes Student Summer Service workers for the special needs of the summer months, when in the rural regions the church activities are at their best.

With Piedmont College, Thorsby Institute and Atlanta Seminary in this area, and cities like Atlanta, Birmingham, Columbus, and Montgomery as centers, there is a need of and call for our Congregational leadership that is compelling.

#### **Kentucky, Tennessee and the Carolinas**

Mountain work, industrial centers, tourist points, and educational institutions are all included in the expanding service of these missionary states. The opportunity is outstanding; the educational challenge fascinating; the growth in population large; the open-mindedness religiously marked.

During the year new churches have been organized at Signal Mountain, Tennessee; Pine Knot, Kentucky; Flint Hill, North Carolina. The United Church of Raleigh, North Carolina, also, was received into our fellowship.

Church membership and Church School enrollment both show a substantial increase; benevolences made a fair gain, and every church is under regular pastoral care. The entire territory is becoming strongly Congregational, and each year assuming larger responsibility for extension activities. One marked feature in this direction is seen in more adequate sharing in pastoral support in response to a better trained leadership.

### **DISTRICT OF THE SOUTHWEST**

While our work is small in comparison with more populous sections, a comparison of 1916 with 1926 shows a healthy growth. Increase: churches, twenty-eight per cent; membership in churches, eighty-seven per cent; Sunday School enrollment, forty per cent; membership in Young People's organizations, two hundred and sixty-six per cent; home expenditures, one hundred and seventy-five per cent; property valuation, one hundred and twenty-four per cent; benevolences, two hundred and forty per cent.

There is an increasing number of people from the North and East coming to the district. Many people of Southern training and traditions are finding in our fellowship an organic expression of their personal attitudes.

As a whole, the personnel of our ministry is the best in years. They sense the opportunity and the obligation.

Albuquerque, El Paso, Tucson and Phoenix continue to be growing tourist and health centers.

Notable work is being done in our English-speaking churches. In mining camps, Gallup and Santa Rita, and Hurley, New Mexico, and Clemenceau, Arizona, are outstandingly useful. In rural community churches Valley, El Paso, and Neighborhood, Phoenix, are recognized as among the best. In educational centers, Albuquerque, Tucson and Tempe, our churches are a liberal-constructive religious force.

Most of our churches, larger and smaller, are taking on new life under able leadership.

Our fellowship has an opportunity and an obligation in three lines of service:

- I. In reinterpreting the Gospel to the educated.
- II. In unifying community religious life in rural and industrial centers.
- III. In a constructive ministry to the sick, especially to that large and increasing number of sufferers from tuberculosis.

### Spanish-Speaking Work

An element of strength in our Spanish-speaking work has been the continuance of the same faithful workers on the same fields year after year. They work against great odds. Besides the difficulties common to all aggressive Christian workers they face the added factor of active opposition. This has been very pronounced the past year, especially near the Mexican border. Numerous priests and sisters driven out of Mexico have been carrying on an aggressive campaign against Protestantism on this side of the border, doing their best to deprive the Mexican people on this side the line of the religious liberty they have been clamoring so loudly for on the other side. Under the circumstances our workers deserve great credit that they have made headway.

We have broadened and deepened the work. A very successful Vacation Bible School was conducted at El Paso under the leadership of the pastor-at-large, Rev. Otto J. Scheibe. The playground has been completed and a recreational program is being organized. Intensive campaigns of recruiting were conducted by most of our churches in the autumn. Study classes for young people have been conducted successfully.

Through the committee of Boards and Conferences engaged in Spanish-speaking work decided progress has been made in coordinating and unifying this work. Especially has this been true with regard to the work of the American Missionary Association and the Extension Boards. An agreement has been reached whereby the former organization turns over to the latter its work in the New Mexico plazas, thus making possible a stronger unified program. Such program will include evangelical, social, recreational, nursing and medical service. An appealing opportunity is here to make a real laboratory of this field. The economic, intellectual, social, moral and physical standards are low. There is no resident physician in this district.

### SWEDISH DEPARTMENT (THE)

Swedish Congregational churches are mostly in the East, where many are strong, self-supporting organizations. In the West there are strong Swedish churches in the larger cities. Some of these started as Congregational churches

and later joined the Swedish Mission Covenant group. Some of the weaker churches, formerly on our list, have been drawn into the Covenant group by being yoked with a Covenant church or served by a Covenant-trained minister. Since Chicago Seminary discontinued the Swedish Institute twelve years ago, we have had no training school for Swedish ministers and have had to seek our supplies from the Covenant or the Free Mission training schools. Such men make doubtful Congregational leaders and we have suffered the loss of some churches on this account. We have had over one hundred Swedish Congregational churches, but the number that function as such today has been somewhat reduced. The number of churches aided by the Home Missionary Society has been reduced to fourteen and these are manifestly the weaker churches that could not continue to support a minister without such aid. The reports from these churches are on the whole quite encouraging. Naturally they cannot grow much, as immigration has ceased and the young people of the second generation are drifting into the English-speaking churches, but they are doing a worth-while work among their own people.

### **New Jersey**

Dover. The church has been without a pastor part of the year, but with the coming of Rev. David Ericson the attendance at services and Sunday School has increased and the work is going forward with new interest.

Plainfield. The pastor conducts an adult Bible study class and a Sunday School Sunday mornings. In the afternoon he gathers the young people for a meeting, and at night holds a regular church service. Through his pastor's class and the Young People's Society some of the young people have joined the church. He takes an active part in the Parents' and Teachers' Association and by observing national holidays with appropriate services they keep in touch with community problems. The women in their Lydia Society are a source of strength to the church. The healing of some differences and a growing spirit of good will and understanding is knitting the church together in closer unity and strength.

### **Pennsylvania**

Renovo. This is a railroad town, where we must continue to minister to the Swedish people. The pastor reports some progress, four new members added. He finds it increasingly necessary to use English. He serves also a union church at Bitumin, a coal mining town, where he conducts regular services, a Sunday School and a Vacation Bible School. It is the only Protestant work and is a great blessing to the community. He preaches occasionally at Drury Run and helps to maintain a Sunday School there.

DuBois and Brockwayville. A new minister has recently taken hold at these points and reports active interest. He discovered some Polish children in his Sunday School and interested himself also in the Polish families. He asks for a Polish missionary to work there with him and make use of his church for meetings.

### **Wisconsin**

Merrill. This church was nearly a year without a pastor, then called back Rev. J. Albert Peterson and he reports progress in attendance and in unity of effort by the church. There is no Congregational church in Merrill and it is hoped this one may develop into an English-speaking church. It is yoked with a



Swedish church at Tomahawk. Its mission is mainly to Scandinavian adults. The Ladies' Aid is a great help. They have put a cement walk in front and on the side street and a cement floor in the basement and were so happy over it that they held a special service of thanksgiving.

Siren and Wood Lake are rural churches with three buildings, where regular lines of church work are maintained. New pews have been put into the Wood Lake church. Here the community life centers in the church and it is becoming more and more an English-speaking center of social and religious work.

### Minnesota

We once had fifteen Swedish churches on our list in Minnesota. Five are closed and some are nearly ready to give up, having finished their mission in Swedish and being unable to develop English-speaking work.

Mankato and Kasota are the only organizations now aided. These churches are yoked and served by Rev. Adolf Grandin. They have a field of service to Swedish Americans and need to be encouraged and helped. The Mankato church is located in a section north of the river, where it has an opportunity for English-speaking work. The pastor has tried to revive interest in a Congregational church at Kerns.

### Washington

Aberdeen church has a great field for service to Swedish and Norwegian people working in the lumber industry or developing farms. The pastor, Rev. J. J. Huleen, is doing effective work preaching, training teachers for the Sunday School and older children in his pastor's class, guiding the young people in English-speaking services, and doing missionary work in the settlements around the town. His young people undertook to provide a two-manual organ for the church. Norwegian sailors from Norwegian ships that touch at the harbor are met and invited to the church and to the parsonage to be given a touch of home comforts and some have been led into the Christian life.

At Hoquiam, which is near Grays Harbor, the church is reaching the Scandinavians with regular church services and open-air meetings. This, too, is a shipping point with great lumber interests, where many of the work people are Scandinavians, giving our church with its active pastor, Rev. Oscar Wilner, a great field for Scandinavian missionary work.

Calls have repeatedly come from Alaska for a boat mission to minister to Scandinavians working in the fisheries there, but adequate means seem to be lacking for such extension work.

### UTAH

In Utah there have been no changes in personnel. Miss Gile continues to do her splendid work in her three groups. Mr. Sebold is accomplishing much at Vernal though the isolation and the fact that even the Catholics cannot keep a man there makes him feel that the field is exceedingly difficult. Mr. Mayo, at Ogden, has made great progress. I trust that the Board will be patient with the church there. Give Mayo a little more time and a large decrease in askings can be made. We must not lose sight of the fact that the Mormon sector is not an ordinary home mission work, but that it is the nearest approach to the foreign field we have

in this country. We must not expect results as we have a right to expect them on other fields. At Provo, Mr. Bachelder is doing consistent work.

Both the Southern Idaho Board and the Utah Board join in their expression of appreciation for the loyal support the Extension Boards have given us during the past year. We unite in asking you to be patient with us, in sharing with us one of the most difficult pieces of religious work in America, work in the Mormon sector. Ultimately, if we are faithful, the Mormon Church will be revolutionized. We shall not see large increases in our membership, but we shall be instrumental in helping in the transformation of that church.

### WYOMING

Notwithstanding the fact that the people of the state of Wyoming are threatening to bring suit against an American magazine for stating, in an issue of that periodical, that Wyoming is "poverty-stricken," without question the churches are having a hard struggle to maintain their work. Wyoming is a state of widely-extending plains, upon which used to graze great herds of cattle and sheep until adverse conditions in that industry made the business unprofitable. Many believe that the turn has come for the better and that the live-stock industry is on the threshold of a period of prosperity which will mean, of course, increased population, financial resources, and encouragement to all our missionary work.

Most of our churches in Wyoming are aided churches, only two being self-supporting. Some of these missionary churches are a continual problem because of changes in population due to the pioneer conditions. Yet in all these communities there are loyal groups of devoted Christians and it is a joy to cooperate with them in doing our very utmost in the name of Christ to enable them to maintain their Sunday School and church work. During the past year ten of the twenty-three churches have experienced changes in the pastorate. Six ministers have resigned and seven have accepted calls. Our total church membership for the state is 1,799, and there are enrolled in our Sunday Schools 1,953. In 1927, the churches added to their membership 193 members, 99 of whom were by confession.

### REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CITY WORK

Director Royce completed ten years of service as Director of City Work on December 31, 1927. During these ten years he has traveled over 300,000 miles doing special work in nearly every state in the country: visited nearly 200 cities and rendered service in nearly every city of over 100,000 inhabitants. His time has been about equally divided between self-supporting states and missionary territory, though no work has been undertaken in the former without the invitation or approval of the state and city superintendents, who have cordially cooperated. He has organized during the decade three most promising churches—Cleveland Park, Washington, D. C.; Miami Beach, Florida and Coral Gables, Florida. He has assisted in the securing of sites and buildings for all of these churches and parsonages for two of them.

The unprecedented growth of our cities during the past decade has created a great variety of problems and opportunities. The location of new churches and the relocation of old churches where there has been a marked shifting of population; the consolidation of churches and in some instances the abandonment of organizations in other church areas; the launching of building campaigns either

for new structures or for the remodeling of old ones—along these and many other lines response has been made to an increasing number of calls from pastors and superintendents.

During the year the Director traveled nearly 40,000 miles working in twelve different states. In April he visited San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, El Paso and Albuquerque, making surveys of fields in each of these cities, and aiding in the solution of problems relating to sites, buildings or pastoral services. The month of May was devoted to Conferences in Washington, D. C., Raleigh, North Carolina, Cleveland, Chicago and attendance upon the National Council at Omaha. June was given to office work in Cleveland and surveys in Indianapolis, Toledo and Detroit. July was spent in Cleveland; most of August in Cleveland and Miami, Florida. During September, the Director spoke at the Kansas Conference in Leavenworth. He devoted one week to Kansas City, Kansas; visited all churches and advised with them concerning proposed relocations and buildings. He also participated in the dedication of the Western Knolls Church, Los Angeles, securing pledges to cover the deficit on the new church. In October he spoke at the fall meeting of the Los Angeles Church Extension Society; also at the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial Church where he made a public appeal for funds, securing pledges aggregating nearly \$8,000. He also visited Tulsa, Oklahoma, where new work has been started. November was devoted to Conference and speaking appointments in Atlanta, Georgia, Raleigh, North Carolina, and Chicago. Most of December was spent in Portland, Oregon, where the Director visited all the churches, making quite a thorough survey of seven fields. During January he visited our churches at Raleigh and Burlington, North Carolina; also attended the Midwinter Meeting in Chicago. During February he assisted in the dedication of the new building at Southern Pines, North Carolina, and made an appeal for building funds. He also had appointments on two Sundays with our churches in Key West, Florida, and La Grange, Georgia, advising with both concerning buildings and increased equipment. The month of March was largely devoted to Coral Gables, Florida. This church has felt very keenly the strain of the financial slump and the hurricane. Additions to the building, hurricane expenses and the falling off in their income have increased the debt to over \$50,000. A campaign was initiated by which this debt was greatly reduced and placed on a sounder financial basis.

#### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF NEGRO WORK IN THE NORTH**

Michigan Avenue Church, Chicago, formerly Liberty Church, has made marked progress during the year. In September, 1927, the old building of Washington Park Church was turned over to this congregation. The services of the Director were secured as pastor in a trilateral arrangement with the local church, the Chicago Missionary and Extension Society, and the Church Extension Boards. At Easter time the membership had grown from sixty-two to 262 and the apportionment, through the initiative of the church, from twenty-five dollars in 1927 to \$250 in 1928. All departments manifest encouraging progress. At a seminar on race relations held recently under the auspices of the Chicago Social Service Commission, the director served as guide for the groups in attendance in visiting representative Negro institutions. The representatives were entertained at dinner by the Michigan Avenue Church.



The independent churches, called Community Churches, and representing the new sense of independence among Negro churches, with a combined membership of 2,000, have received associate fellowship in the Chicago Association.

The Director was on the faculty of the summer conference at Wells College, New York; also at the assembly held at Placerville, South Dakota. He was a member of the promotional team that toured Nebraska in the fall. He has been called upon to advise churches in regard to financial and membership campaigns, to render assistance in procuring pastors, and on various occasions to serve as pastor *pro tempore*.

### THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT

For many years, the month of January has included two outstanding and history-making events: the Annual Meeting of the Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions, this year held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Midwinter rally of our own denomination, always held in Chicago, Illinois. Attendance at both of these was followed by the merger meeting of the Illinois Branch and the Illinois Home Missionary Union, held in the historic First Church of Chicago. The following day, the Executive Committee of the Mid-West Regional Committee was in session all day and the major portion of the year has been spent in their territory.

Speaking appointments have been filled in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Montana, Oklahoma and Texas. The attendance and travel, in connection with the Annual Meeting of the National Council in Omaha, covered a week, and six weeks more were given to summer conference work.

The work has been planned by the Woman's Committee of the Mid-West Region, in consultation with Dr. Merrill, Rev. Howell Davies and Miss Mary J. Parkin. The speaking and public addresses have included many diverse audiences: Sunday Schools, (Primary, Intermediate, Senior and Adult), church services—morning, vesper and evening—Junior and Christian Endeavor Societies, women's afternoon missionary meetings, thank-offering services, the new combination of men's and women's evening missionary programs, grammar, high school and college chapel services, Y. W. C. A. and mothers' meetings, sharing the travel and speaking with the missionary teams, attending all-day merger programs in different states, and the conference and association meetings planned by our state Superintendents. The days not devoted to travel and public work have been spent either in the office of the Church Extension Boards in New York, or the Commission on Missions in Chicago—helping with the box work and attending to correspondence.

It has been a very illuminating experience to become better acquainted with the personnel of our Middle-West. The Ministers' Meeting, which convenes every Monday morning, and the woman's meeting for a missionary program, which convenes every Friday morning, make possible many opportunities for an intimate, friendly acquaintance with missionaries, straight from their fields of labor, and leaders fresh from church and parish problems.

MIRIAM L. WOODBERRY.



The office of the Woman's Department has become increasingly a place for exchanging friendly greetings with the many visitors and friends who call at headquarters as well as a conference center for committees and consultants. The correspondence relative to the assignments of missionary box applications to the church organizations centers here as well as provisions for layettes, Ellis Island supplies, community boxes, quotas for hand work, including nursing and clinical equipment. This office has been responsible for the preparation of the Church Extension Boards projects and for the assembling and distribution of informational data concerning these projects. Publicity work has included articles in "The American Missionary," assistance given in preparing the Blue Book of Friendly Service for Women's Societies and two leaflets. One of the hopes cherished by the Church Extension Boards is the provision of hospitalization and special care for people suffering from tuberculosis in the Southwest area, particularly those to whom our missionaries minister. Correspondence has been conducted with Superintendent R. R. Shoemaker and Rev. O. A. Smith in the expectation that some permanent form and location for this service may be found.

Committee meetings attended: Mindwinter Meeting, Chicago; Committee on Immigrant Aid; Conferences of Women Secretaries and members of Home Boards; Promotional Council; Board of Editors, The American Missionary; Project Committee.

Numerous speaking appointments have been filled in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

MRS. J. J. PEARSALL.

# THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY

## REPORT OF CHURCH BUILDING SECRETARY CALENDAR YEAR 1927

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For the calendar year of 1927 the total income of the Church Building Society from all sources was \$659,914.60; the amount received through the apportionment and special gifts was \$170,259.74 and the balance came through collection of church and parsonage loan instalments, interest, property sales and legacies.

### Grants and Loans Appropriated

We appropriate from month to month what is available, disposing of cases on our docket as far as available funds will permit. Thus the Society never has a debt, but a waiting list of applications. During the year 1927 we were able to make appropriations as follows:

91 Grants calling for.....	\$157,063.00
117 Church Loans calling for.....	322,785.00
37 Parsonage Loans calling for.....	53,695.00
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245 Grants and Loans Voted.....	\$533,543.00

### Paid to Churches

The money appropriated is paid to the church as soon thereafter as proper legal papers can be adjusted. Payments thus made during the calendar year of 1927 were as follows:

Grants and Loans to 121 Churches.....	\$511,419.69
Parsonage Loans to 36 Churches.....	59,025.00
Money paid directly to churches protected under our grant mortgages..	16,264.51
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Total paid to Churches.....	\$586,709.20

### Applications Carried Over from 1927

6 Applications for Parsonage Loans asking.....	\$9,200.00
59 Applications for Grants asking.....	132,900.00
65 Applications for Church Loans asking.....	270,800.00
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130 Applications asking for.....	\$412,900.00

### Cutting Our Budget

It will be seen by examination of the foregoing tables that the docket of the Church Building Society is a never ending procession of applications in different stages of progress. In addition to the cases on the regular docket many appeals

come on short notice which are taken up as emergency matters under the head of what we call Special Items. Manifestly, this Society cannot furnish in advance a definite budget of its work, but by summing up what has been done in the past, adding to this the cases on the regular docket and taking into account the Special Items sure to come up during the year the minimum amount of our total needs for a particular year may be quite closely and accurately estimated. If our income is diminished our budget is automatically cut and we have to meet the situation by keeping the applications already on the docket waiting longer and discouraging churches from making application at all, or cutting down the proportion of the amount of aid to building cost and holding the churches more rigidly to that line. In some cases this compels the church to stop its building operation or fail to begin it; in others to borrow from local banks and pay interest while waiting for expected assistance from the Building Society. This is what has been taking place steadily for the past two or three years. For example, a comparison of the foregoing tables with similar ones for preceding years will show that we appropriated in 1927 approximately \$63,000 less in grants than in the preceding year, 1926, and \$88,000 less than in the year preceding that, or 1925. The Society in this respect is in a certain sense placed at great disadvantage in presenting its needs to our constituency. We cannot make a special appeal on account of a debt because we simply do not contract a debt. We meet the situation, as above indicated, by discouraging churches from applying for aid and cutting down the proportions to those which do apply. Our failure to respond to the appeals of churches for assistance in meeting and taking advantage of wide opportunities is not due to lack of vision or statesmanship, but to the simple fact that we cannot appropriate what we do not have.

### **Expanding Range of Our Work Should Be Maintained**

The Society has never for a moment failed to carry on the work with which it was entirely engaged during the early years of its history; that is, helping the smaller churches with comparatively small grants and loans, and there are some who suggest a solution of our income problem thru confining ourselves strictly to that type of work. It is a fact that these applications for small amounts do have and should have preference on our docket and they are never turned away nor kept waiting. But gradually thru the years the Society has been expanding its work, helping along a wider range. The problem which confronts a church in the construction of a new building is that of raising a large sum of money at one time, and sometimes it is quite as difficult for a comparatively large and moderately well-to-do church to meet the building problem confronting it as it is for the smaller church to take care of its problem. The problem is essentially one and, comparatively, the difficulty is just as great in one case as in the other and the need as imperative. Churches building in the suburbs of our growing cities, for example, where the families composing them are mostly salaried people, paying for their homes and keeping their children in school, have precisely the same problem to meet in constructing a church adequate to their needs as the people living in the small village or in the country district in constructing a building that would meet the needs of those conditions. This fundamental proposition cannot be repeated too often, especially where people connected with a small church are asked to contribute funds part of which may go towards furnishing Church Building aid

for a much larger, more pretentious and expensive building in some other locality. We must think of these things in relative terms; otherwise we shall miss the fundamental significance of the facts as they are. Some of the most urgent appeals which come to the Building Society come today from churches located in our oldest Congregational localities. We make no discrimination whatever concerning these appeals. The question is whether or not the church in the place where it is located really needs assistance from the Building Society to meet the conditions confronting it in securing proper equipment for the carrying out of the work in that particular field or locality.

### Typical Cases Compared

The docket of any month of the year will disclose cases illustrative of the whole wide range of our work. For example, at a recent meeting of the Administrative Committee we made an appropriation of a grant of \$500 to a little church down in Kentucky with a membership of twenty-seven and a Sunday School enrollment of sixty, supplied by a student from a nearby seminary, the building constructed mainly of material from the nearby woods and at a cost of \$2,000. The building is adequate to the needs of the locality and it would have been extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the little church to finance it without the grant from the Building Society, which was appropriated heartily and without hesitation. But on the same day and within the same hour we were called to consider the application of a church of eight hundred members with a Sunday School enrollment of six hundred located in a college town with a population of about three thousand and where eight hundred students are in attendance and where a church building costing, with necessary furnishings, approximately \$150,000 had been erected to meet the long pressing needs and necessities of that community. The constituency of the local church is not wealthy, but many of them young people connected with the college, just in the formative period of their lives, unable to contribute any considerable amount towards such an enterprise. The people themselves made pledges running over a period of several years which they can and will pay gradually. The local bank assisted with an interest bearing loan. The people gave generously and sacrificially. Who shall say that the grant of \$5,000 and loan of \$5,000 appropriated by the Building Society towards this great enterprise was different in character from the appropriation made to the little church in Kentucky? Think of the latent possibilities in such a situation. Hundreds, and through the years thousands, of young people whose lives are in the formative period and who will go forth to shape the destinies of the world are given adequate church facilities side by side with educational facilities. These are only typical cases of an ordinary monthly docket, but, as the space allotted for this report is so limited, these two must suffice.

### Importance of the Work

It is well within the truth to say that there is not a more important, interesting and vital piece of missionary work carried on by our churches today than that of the Church Building Society. Nearly all of the Congregational churches in the country outside of New England have at some time during their history needed and received help from this Society; and in recent years, with the changing conditions of life going on, the needs and calls for our help in those older and more



settled portions of the country have grown quite as imperative as elsewhere; and this is bound to continue and, indeed, to increase if the work of founding, maintaining and developing churches of our order is to continue; and if we cease founding and adequately maintaining, developing and equipping these churches what will become of our whole missionary enterprise? These churches constitute the base of our entire work. To help make and keep them strong and functioning with maximum efficiency is of fundamental importance; and the work of the Church Building Society is of primary importance here.

### **Careful Supervision and Small Expense**

Utmost care is exercised in the distribution of our funds. Each individual case is taken up through correspondence and thorough investigation made, the facts and conditions gathered and kept in our files subject to inspection by our constituency at any time. In fact, and quite naturally, we are sometimes charged with being over-zealous in this respect and with lack of generosity of spirit, vision, statesmanship, and so on, because we do take the time to investigate and weigh things thoroughly. We are anxious, on the one hand, that there shall be no loss or waste, and, on the other hand, to give help gladly, joyfully and generously and to the limit of our ability wherever it is needed. And because of our method of dealing directly with the individual church, mostly through correspondence, we are able to do this vast work at minimum cost and with maximum amount of our income made available for the service intended. We work in closest cooperation with field workers, State Superintendents, City Societies and local organizations in trying to secure clear information and right impressions, receiving and giving help.

### **A Closing Word**

We welcome constructive criticism and suggestion and try to profit thereby. We frankly rejoice in the growth, history and development of this Society covering a period of seventy-five years, and are justly proud of its very name which in itself is an honored and valuable trademark. We regret exceedingly the recent decline in income which along with some of our sister societies we have had to face. We hope and believe that this is only transitory and temporary. We face the future with faith and courage, and with firm determination to "carry on" faithfully through all the changes that have come or may come.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES ROBERT SMITH.

## CHURCHES AND PARSONAGES AIDED

1853—1928

State	Churches Aided	Amount Of Aid	Aid Repaid	Parsonages Aided	Amount Of Aid	Aid Repaid
Alabama .....	28	\$23,440.00	12	8	\$4,350.00	6
Alaska .....	4	6,470.00	1	2	1,400.00	..
Arizona .....	19	32,453.26	4	6	7,700.00	6
Arkansas .....	10	16,337.00	5	3	2,350.00	2
California .....	364	734,246.39	88	94	72,175.00	73
Colorado .....	170	277,883.49	39	55	40,475.00	51
Connecticut .....	51	127,142.88	12	8	9,100.00	6
Delaware .....	2	2,095.35	1	..	....	..
District of Columbia....	14	160,802.17	2	1	4,000.00	1
Florida .....	76	200,197.40	23	24	25,025.00	15
France, Paris, Rue de Berri.....	1	15,000.00	..	..	....	..
Georgia .....	67	80,988.79	17	9	6,260.00	6
Hawaii .....	2	8,000.00	..	2	2,720.00	..
Idaho .....	63	92,600.87	14	20	12,350.00	12
Illinois .....	415	670,297.44	198	87	86,950.00	58
Indiana .....	96	172,328.05	43	13	8,050.00	11
Indian Territory .....	6	6,153.62	3	2	2,200.00	1
Iowa .....	394	406,160.70	171	92	51,984.00	85
Kansas .....	286	328,721.00	118	75	37,839.40	67
Kentucky .....	8	12,085.00	3	2	1,650.00	2
Louisiana .....	27	43,540.70	9	10	5,450.00	8
Maine .....	92	101,134.61	18	15	14,010.00	13
Maryland .....	9	25,030.00	5	..	....	..
Massachusetts .....	124	354,545.73	35	16	21,725.00	7
Michigan .....	390	410,274.95	134	106	48,791.35	101
Minnesota .....	391	479,826.68	111	130	84,616.00	102
Missouri .....	142	278,933.22	69	24	18,070.00	18
Montana .....	106	148,650.61	14	35	28,000.00	26
Nebraska .....	310	318,484.95	119	132	69,943.00	121
Nevada .....	2	5,747.55	2	1	300.00	1
New Hampshire .....	21	38,421.11	4	2	2,567.00	..
New Jersey .....	82	294,017.26	21	13	21,050.00	9
New Mexico .....	16	20,394.04	5	9	7,100.00	5
New York .....	273	1,007,998.17	99	44	65,058.00	31
North Carolina .....	74	87,471.93	6	13	7,340.00	8
North Dakota .....	237	273,950.29	44	89	54,209.00	73
Ohio .....	180	558,528.69	77	17	25,500.00	10
Oklahoma .....	133	136,155.22	52	61	21,770.00	52
Oregon .....	123	210,150.06	19	31	21,950.00	23
Pennsylvania .....	105	355,165.04	37	23	35,700.00	18
Porto Rico .....	9	24,007.09	..	3	5,000.00	..
Rhode Island .....	13	44,300.00	6	3	5,500.00	2
South Carolina .....	6	8,888.31	3	2	1,400.00	2
South Dakota .....	252	284,194.91	41	128	74,280.80	93
Tennessee .....	21	75,957.35	5	6	3,800.00	4
Texas .....	63	186,820.60	12	22	26,300.00	14
Utah .....	17	37,672.15	4	6	8,383.55	6
Vermont .....	33	38,026.07	6	8	5,600.00	6
Virginia .....	9	12,087.50	2	..	....	..
Washington .....	274	395,342.52	65	110	70,500.00	83
West Virginia .....	4	11,160.00	..	2	1,000.00	2
Wisconsin .....	335	346,470.55	125	86	65,213.00	74
Wyoming .....	51	70,557.00	7	20	19,350.00	16
Panama Canal Zone....	3	11,000.00	..	..	....	..
	6003	\$10,068,307.27	1910	1670	\$1,216,055.10	1330

## REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS FROM APRIL 1, 1927 to APRIL 1, 1928

## Paid to Churches

List of appropriations paid in 1927-8 to aid in building houses of worship for Congregational Churches, for which mortgages have been given to secure them from loss in case of failure or change of denomination by the church.

State	Loans	Grants	Total
<b>Alabama</b>			
Clanton, East View .....	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
<b>Arizona</b>			
Mormon Lake .....	....	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>California</b>			
Berkeley, First .....	5,000.00	....	....
Dinuba, German .....	....	750.00	....
Escondido, Christ .....	4,500.00	....	....
Fairfax, Community .....	2,500.00	1,000.00	....
Guerneville .....	1,000.00	500.00	....
La Canada, First .....	4,000.00	2,000.00	....
La Mesa, First .....	500.00	....	....
Los Angeles, Olivet .....	3,500.00	3,832.00	....
Los Angeles, Plymouth .....	4,000.00	2,000.00	....
Sacramento, First .....	10,000.00	7,500.00	....
San Diego, Chinese .....	2,500.00	2,500.00	57,582.00
<b>Colorado</b>			
Denver, First German .....	5,000.00	3,500.00	....
Montrose, Zion .....	500.00	300.00	....
Sterling, German Zion .....	2,500.00	....	11,800.00
<b>Connecticut</b>			
East Haven, First .....	....	720.00	....
Granby, Swedish .....	1,300.00	700.00	....
Mansfield, Storrs .....	5,000.00	....	....
West Haven, Union .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	....
Whitneyville .....	....	789.50	10,509.50
<b>Delaware</b>			
Milton, First .....	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
<b>Florida</b>			
Jupiter, Peoples .....	1,500.00	....	1,500.00
<b>Georgia</b>			
Atlanta, Seminary .....	....	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Illinois</b>			
Berwyn, First .....	2,000.00	1,000.00	....
Chicago, Park Manor .....	4,750.00	2,250.00	....
Danville, First .....	500.00	500.00	....
Jacksonville .....	....	300.00	....
Lockport, First .....	1,000.00	500.00	....
Moline, Gordon Memorial .....	4,000.00	2,000.00	....
Moline, Plymouth .....	1,500.00	....	....
Oak Park, North .....	6,500.00	3,500.00	....
Plymouth, First .....	2,500.00	1,500.00	....
Westville, First .....	600.00	....	34,900.00

State	Loans	Grants	Total
<b>Indiana</b>			
Indianapolis, Trinity .....	300.00	....	300.00
<b>Iowa</b>			
Iowa Falls, First .....	7,000.00	3,000.00	....
Sioux City, Riverside .....	5,000.00	3,000.00	18,000.00
<b>Kansas</b>			
Eureka .....	8,000.00	....	....
McPherson, First .....	3,000.00	2,000.00	....
Partridge, Community .....	4,500.00	....	17,500.00
<b>Kentucky</b>			
Corbin, Pilgrim .....	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
<b>Louisiana</b>			
Roseland, First .....	500.00	300.00	800.00
<b>Maine</b>			
Mexico .....	1,500.00	....	....
Portland Woodfords .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	....
Southwest Harbor, Mt. Desert .....	1,500.00	....	....
Stacyville, Sherman Station .....	750.00	750.00	14,500.00
<b>Maryland</b>			
Baltimore, Associate .....	5,000.00	....	5,000.00
<b>Massachusetts</b>			
Boylston, First .....	10,000.00	5,000.00	....
Springfield, Emmanuel .....	6,500.00	3,500.00	....
West Springfield, Mittineague .....	1,500.00	1,000.00	27,500.00
<b>Michigan</b>			
Belding, First .....	700.00	....	....
East Lansing, Peoples .....	....	2,500.00	....
Lansing, Mayflower .....	1,500.00	....	....
Roscommon, First .....	1,500.00	1,500.00	7,700.00
<b>Minnesota</b>			
Aldrich Township, First .....	500.00	....	....
Hollandale, Community .....	2,000.00	1,000.00	....
Fertile .....	650.00	650.00	....
Roosevelt, Bethlehem .....	250.00	250.00	....
St. Paul, Cyril .....	1,500.00	1,500.00	....
St. Paul, Peoples .....	2,000.00	1,000.00	....
South Stillwater, Peoples .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	....
Swanville, First .....	1,000.00	500.00	....
Ulen .....	350.00	500.00	....
Watertown, Community .....	2,000.00	1,500.00	....
Williams, Pilgrim .....	....	300.00	19,450.00
<b>Missouri</b>			
Broseley, First .....	200.00	500.00	....
St. Joseph, East Side .....	3,000.00	....	3,700.00
<b>Montana</b>			
Broadus, Community .....	....	1,000.00	....
Ekalaka, Christ .....	....	1,500.00	2,500.00



State	Loans	Grants	Total
<b>Nebraska</b>			
Geneva, First .....	6,000.00	.....	.....
Grant, First .....	3,500.00	1,500.00	.....
Hay Springs, First .....	500.00	500.00	.....
Scotts Bluff, Community .....	4,000.00	1,000.00	17,000.00
<b>New Jersey</b>			
Little Falls, Community .....	4,000.00	2,000.00	.....
Newark, Belleville Ave. ....	1,550.00	.....	7,550.00
<b>New York</b>			
Brooklyn, Nazarene .....	10,000.00	5,000.00	.....
Rockville Centre .....	5,000.00	.....	.....
Rushville, First .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Schenectady, Pilgrim .....	2,500.00	2,500.00	.....
Syracuse, Pilgrim .....	2,250.00	2,250.00	.....
Utica, South .....	10,000.00	7,500.00	49,000.00
<b>North Carolina</b>			
Albemarle, First .....	.....	2,500.00	.....
Raleigh, United .....	5,000.00	.....	.....
Southern Pines, Fellowship .....	7,000.00	3,000.00	17,500.00
<b>North Dakota</b>			
Glen Ullin, German .....	325.00	325.00	.....
Zap, Friedens Gemeinde .....	1,000.00	500.00	2,150.00
<b>Ohio</b>			
Cleveland, Collinwood .....	.....	1,332.76	.....
Cleveland, East View .....	5,000.00	5,000.00	.....
Hamilton, First .....	3,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Toledo, Pilgrim .....	3,150.00	1,850.00	20,332.76
<b>Oklahoma</b>			
Goltry, First .....	2,500.00	1,500.00	.....
Oklahoma City, Pilgrim .....	4,000.00	.....	.....
Okmulgee, Pilgrim .....	1,200.00	800.00	.....
Shattuck, St. Paul .....	750.00	750.00	.....
Vinita, First .....	500.00	.....	12,000.00
<b>Oregon</b>			
Forest Grove, First .....	1,000.00	1,000.00	.....
Freewater, Federated .....	5,000.00	3,000.00	.....
Portland, Evangelical .....	3,000.00	.....	.....
Portland, Highland .....	5,000.00	.....	.....
Salem, Knight Memorial .....	2,500.00	2,500.00	23,000.00
<b>Porto Rico</b>			
Humacao .....	.....	2,667.64	.....
Naguabo .....	.....	1,173.50	3,841.14
<b>South Dakota</b>			
Clark .....	3,000.00	.....	.....
Eagle Butte, First .....	900.00	900.00	.....
Lebanon, First .....	500.00	.....	.....
McLaughlin, German .....	1,250.00	1,250.00	.....
Ree Heights .....	750.00	750.00	.....
Stevens, Community .....	1,600.00	.....	.....
Underwood, United .....	1,250.00	500.00	12,650.00

State	Loans	Grants	Total
<b>Tennessee</b>			
Crossville .....	.....	1,000.00	.....
Robbins, Community .....	2,000.00	....	3,000.00
<b>Territory of Hawaii</b>			
Honokaa, Union .....	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
<b>Texas</b>			
Dallas, Junius Heights .....	6,500.00	4,500.00	....
East El Paso, Mexican .....	....	275.53	....
El Paso, First .....	1,500.00	2,500.00	....
Port Arthur, First .....	....	800.00	16,075.53
<b>Utah</b>			
Salt Lake City, Phillips .....	1,500.00	....	1,500.00
<b>Vermont</b>			
Springfield, First .....	7,500.00	2,500.00	10,000.00
<b>Washington</b>			
Anacortes, Pilgrim .....	1,500.00	500.00	....
Bellingham, Swedish .....	2,000.00	1,000.00	....
Doty, Open Door .....	500.00	300.00	....
Hillyard, First .....	2,500.00	2,500.00	....
Kelso, Finnish .....	700.00	500.00	....
Seattle, Alki .....	4,500.00	2,500.00	....
Spokane, Lincoln Park .....	....	400.00	....
Spokane, Westminster .....	8,000.00	....	27,400.00
<b>Wisconsin</b>			
Dousman, Emanuel .....	2,000.00	1,500.00	....
Wauwatosa, First .....	....	300.00	3,800.00
<b>Wyoming</b>			
Green River, Union .....	2,500.00	....	2,500.00

## PAID TO PARSONAGES

List of appropriations paid in 1927-8 as loans to aid in building parsonages for Congregational Churches. These loans are secured by a first mortgage on the property, and are repaid to the Society in instalments; the annual sums so paid vary according to the amount of the loan. When the payments thus made are equal to the amount of the mortgage, the obligation of the church is cancelled.

State	Loans	Total
<b>California</b>		
Loomis, First .....	\$2,000.00	....
Los Angeles, Bethany .....	1,500.00	....
Los Angeles, Western Knoll .....	1,500.00	\$5,000.00
<b>Florida</b>		
Crestview, Christ .....	175.00	....
Philips .....	1,000.00	1,175.00
<b>Georgia</b>		
Atlanta, Seminary .....	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Idaho</b>		
Paul .....	750.00	750.00
<b>Illinois</b>		
Oak Lawn, First .....	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Kansas</b>		
Kansas City, Rosedale .....	2,500.00	2,500.00
<b>Massachusetts</b>		
Charlestown, First .....	3,000.00	3,000.00
<b>Minnesota</b>		
Marietta .....	2,100.00	....
Roosevelt, Bethlehem .....	400.00	2,500.00
<b>Missouri</b>		
Iberia .....	800.00	800.00
<b>Montana</b>		
Judith Gap .....	1,000.00	....
Medicine Lake, Union .....	900.00	....
Worden, Bethlehem .....	800.00	2,700.00
<b>Nebraska</b>		
Lincoln, Vine .....	2,500.00	....
Omaha, Central Park .....	2,500.00	5,000.00
<b>New Jersey</b>		
Park Ridge, First .....	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>New York</b>		
Brooklyn, Nazarene .....	3,000.00	....
Endicott, South .....	1,000.00	....
Schenectady, Pilgrim .....	3,000.00	7,000.00

State	Loans	Total
<b>North Dakota</b>		
Hettinger, First .....	1,200.00	.....
Parshall, First .....	600.00	1,800.00
<b>Ohio</b>		
Cleveland, Cyril .....	1,000.00	.....
Twinsburg, First .....	2,000.00	3,000.00
<b>Oregon</b>		
Freewater, Federated .....	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>South Dakota</b>		
Hudson .....	800.00	.....
Humboldt, First .....	2,000.00	2,800.00
<b>Tennessee</b>		
Soddy .....	800.00	800.00
<b>Territory of Hawaii</b>		
Hilo .....	1,500.00	.....
Honokaa .....	1,220.00	2,720.00
<b>Texas</b>		
Houston, First .....	3,000.00	3,000.00
<b>Washington</b>		
Hoquiam, Swedish .....	1,500.00	.....
Monroe, First .....	1,200.00	.....
Vaughn. Emanuel .....	500.00	3,200.00
<b>Wisconsin</b>		
Beloit, Gridley .....	1,650.00	.....
Pittsville, First .....	500.00	2,150.00



# THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL EXTENSION SOCIETY

The first ten-year period of the Congregational Sunday School Extension Society, the successor of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society in extension service, is now a matter of history. The period has been marked by a steadily growing program, the outstanding aim being that of an earnest endeavor to do a needed task in a constructive way.

The reorganization took place in response to a definite call from our Congregational constituency, and it has resulted in a distinctly forward movement. Beginning its activities in 1928 as a part of the three-fold plan of the Church Extension Boards, its emphasis has been steadily placed on a four-fold basis of service:

1. The organization of Mission Sunday Schools in religiously needy communities.
2. Aiding Sunday Schools in securing the best type of lesson study literature.
3. Cooperation in the development of a strong program of religious education.
4. Winning our young people for Christian life service.

During the ten years 1,084 Mission Sunday Schools have been organized in thirty-seven states with a total initial enrollment of 41,801. This pioneer work has included cities, rural and industrial communities, lowland and mountain places, educational centers and the ranks of the unprivileged. Such service has called for careful study and wise planning, and strong foundations have been laid. The outcome will be abiding. Everything entering into the consecration of the extension workers, making for missionary outreach and religious educational advance, can and will be built into the program of the coming years. Through such a ministry we face our great, thronging, growing, fascinating America, glowing with its possibilities.

During these years the aim has been to organize Sunday School Extension work in such a way as to place every mission Sunday School under direct pastoral care. This has resulted in a large number of the schools organized eventually becoming numerically a part of the Church Schools with which they were associated in leadership at the beginning. This has strengthened centrally located parishes and at the same time cared for the needs of the outlying regions.

For the most part the extension staff has been joint with that of the Congregational Home Missionary Society. The vital need, however, is for a larger number of full time field workers, who will be commissioned to care for the forty-two per cent of frontier territory where no religious educational work is being done.

The Directors of City, Rural, Foreign-speaking and Negro work, have cooperated in our Sunday School Extension plans. Branch Sunday School activities have resulted in a number of important church organizations, surveys have been

made in many rural regions, from Ellis Island throughout the entire country, the service has been continuous and unified.

Grants of lesson study literature have been made to thirty-seven states. Indian, Cuban, Mexican, German and Italian groups have shared with distinctly American speaking organizations. To such, meeting oftentimes in schoolhouse or community hall in lonely places, such a helpful ministry counts in a big way. During 1927, needy Sunday Schools received grants in the states of Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Student Summer Service became a definite part of the work of the Society since 1921. Over three hundred Congregational young people have been commissioned for service in thirty-seven states coming from one hundred and eight different educational institutions. Some of these are now in full time service in the home or foreign field, the latter representing twelve missionary workers in eight countries. Ministering to the spiritual, intellectual and physical needs of others, in ways calling for the best they had to give, has made these student workers realize that there was something they could do, and the world was waiting for them to do it.

Facing our enlarging program, inadequately financed, we are challenged by the fact that in terms of practical everyday living, a service so much worth while should receive larger consideration in terms of doing and giving. It calls for adventuring in a larger way. It means a tremendous facing of our task. Its urge is the taking of God into our lives, and putting our lives into God's world.

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**The Congregational  
Church Extension Boards**

**The Congregational Home Missionary Society**

**The Congregational Church Building Society**

**The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society**

**FISCAL YEAR ENDING**

**MARCH 31, 1928**

# THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EXTENSION BOARDS

## CONTRIBUTIONS IN DETAIL BY STATES

Alabama .....	\$291.40
Arizona .....	602.48
Arkansas .....	4.17
California, North .....	2,288.25
California, South .....	6,958.35
Colorado .....	5,712.09
Connecticut .....	62,846.32
Delaware .....	1.83
District of Columbia .....	1,149.84
Florida .....	2,738.50
Georgia .....	573.92
Hawaii .....	750.00
Idaho .....	485.16
Illinois .....	42,915.89
Indiana .....	3,733.70
Iowa .....	10,570.12
Kansas .....	3,636.62
Kentucky .....	118.68
Louisiana .....	390.10
Maine .....	9,621.58
Maryland .....	76.59
Massachusetts .....	99,671.62
Michigan .....	13,504.44
Minnesota .....	6,588.56
Mississippi .....	144.26
Missouri .....	4,127.90
Montana .....	956.02
Nebraska .....	4,731.00
New Hampshire .....	11,405.31
New Jersey .....	9,736.31
New Mexico .....	154.41
New York .....	32,033.19
North Carolina .....	612.72
North Dakota .....	2,347.44
Ohio .....	19,265.19
Oklahoma .....	907.88
Oregon .....	3,261.93
Pennsylvania .....	7,161.71
Rhode Island .....	9,050.47
South Carolina .....	90.44



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Church Extension Boards

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South Dakota .....	5,054.40	
Tennessee .....	414.45	
Texas .....	778.83	
Utah .....	184.21	
Vermont .....	6,243.93	
Virginia .....	67.71	
Washington .....	3,022.21	
Wisconsin .....	9,118.33	
Wyoming .....	399.25	
Miscellaneous .....	386.26	
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		\$407,485.97
C.H.M.S. ....	\$187,175.72	
C.C.B.S. ....	161,625.57	
C.S.S.E.S. ....	58,684.68	
	<hr/>	\$407,485.97

# The Congregational Home Missionary Society

## Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1928

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### RECEIPTS

#### Contributions (See table on page 55):

Churches, Sunday Schools.....	\$187,175.72
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#### Legacies, Matured Conditional Gifts:

Total Legacies of the year.....	\$147,091.90	
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Matured Conditional Gifts.....	15,011.00	
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\$162,102.90

Less Legacy expenses.....	\$ 1,182.54	
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Transferred to Legacy Equaliza- tion Fund.....	40,920.36	42,102.90
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120,000.00

#### Income from Investments:

Total interest and dividends.....	\$147,716.08
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#### Deductions:

Added to principal of certain funds	\$20,463.09
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Interest on Conditional Gifts....	20,972.96
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Investment expenses .....	436.27	41,872.32
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105,843.76

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Total Receipts of National Society.....	\$413,019.48
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**DISBURSEMENTS****Missionary Labor** (See detailed table on page 60):

Field Work .....	\$421,915.47	
Annuity premiums for field workers.....	726.97	
	<hr/>	\$422,642.44

**Administration:**

Salaries, Secretarial Department.....	\$10,846.52	
Salaries, Treasury Department.....	4,420.87	
Clerical Services .....	11,670.76	
Traveling Expenses .....	1,148.00	
Annual and Midwinter Meetings.....	3,771.21	
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**General Expenses:**

Agency Expenses .....	\$4,445.46	
Interest on Loans.....	983.23	
Inter-Society Expenses .....	1,595.26	
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	988.72	
Office Equipment .....	239.35	
Postage, Stationery, Telephone, Printing.....	1,494.12	
Rent .....	3,726.53	
	<hr/>	13,472.67

**Publicity:**

"The American Missionary" .....	\$6,315.51	
Reports, Books, Leaflets, etc. ....	6,304.49	
	<hr/>	12,620.00

**Honorary Salaries** ..... 1,565.76

**Mortuary** ..... 1,000.00

**Commission on Missions** ..... 19,818.73

**Total Disbursements of National Society** ..... \$502,976.96

## SUMMARY OF NATIONAL SOCIETY ACCOUNTS

## Receipts:

Contributions .....	\$187,175.72
Legacies, Matured Gifts (net).....	120,000.00
Income from Investments.....	105,843.76
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	\$413,019.48

## Disbursements:

Missionary Service .....	\$422,642.44
Administration .....	31,857.36
General Expenses .....	13,472.67
Publicity .....	12,620.00
Sundry Items .....	22,384.49
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	502,976.96

Deficit for year ending March 31, 1928..... \$89,957.48

By vote of the Administrative Committee, April 18, 1928, there  
was transferred from Legacy Equalization Fund, the amount  
available for a deficit this year..... 6,783.14

Leaving a net deficit of..... \$83,174.34

Division of the \$1 Received  
by the National Society

Contributions 45 cents	Investments 26c.	Legacies 29c.
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Division of the \$1 Disbursed by  
the National Society

Missionary Service 84 cents	Expense 9 c.	Sundries 7 c.
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## Summary of Constituent State Societies Annual Reports

### RECEIPTS

	Balance Begin- ning of Year	Contributions (net)	Legacies and Investments	Loans and Miscellaneous	Total Receipts
California (No.).....	\$3,354.51	\$21,464.52	\$8,544.38	....	\$33,363.41
California (So.).....	3,857.44	58,094.70	4,472.28	\$3,569.47	69,993.89
Connecticut .....	1,037.99	34,255.36	23,475.94	....	58,769.29
Hawaii .....	*5,731.17	83,559.32	49,947.90	3,000.00	130,776.05
Illinois .....	2,721.68	39,330.58	6,849.90	8,000.00	56,902.16
Iowa .....	574.77	12,332.46	5,043.18	7,567.73	25,518.14
Kansas .....	18.17	12,769.70	287.52	7,101.37	20,176.76
Maine .....	1,118.80	20,606.59	11,488.34	4,000.00	37,213.73
Massachusetts .....	....	66,803.40	88,430.54	12,016.25	167,250.19
Michigan .....	5,207.00	30,877.00	3,405.00	1,517.00	41,006.00
Mid. Atl. Conference	**....	10,532.31	....	....	....
Minnesota .....	*2,651.76	30,245.40	909.99	2,500.00	31,003.63
Missouri .....	8,451.59	15,567.91	2,344.01	....	26,363.51
Nebraska .....	255.90	11,859.72	128.71	2,146.00	14,390.33
New Hampshire ....	1,317.12	11,822.23	11,225.03	2,610.06	26,974.44
New York .....	4,270.22	56,922.71	4,272.16	13,950.14	79,415.23
Ohio .....	261.46	25,689.89	2,500.00	2,200.00	30,651.35
Rhode Island .....	987.20	7,745.84	252.34	....	8,985.38
Vermont .....	7,216.75	19,280.56	23,388.20	....	49,885.51
Washington .....	*3,585.77	17,989.00	701.66	9,973.19	25,078.08
†Wisconsin .....	....	....	....	....	....
	\$28,681.90	\$587,749.20	\$247,667.08	\$80,151.21	\$933,717.08

\*Overdraft

### DISBURSEMENTS

	Missionary Service		General	Loans and	Total Dis-
	Field	Administration	Expenses	Miscellaneous	bursements
California (No.).....	\$27,066.82	....	\$5,278.59	....	\$32,345.41
California (So.).....	31,124.89	\$11,330.21	4,328.99	\$13,903.73	60,687.82
Connecticut .....	45,379.14	9,710.09	2,394.42	1,000.00	58,483.65
Hawaii .....	....	....	....	....	131,733.43
Illinois .....	23,419.51	29,804.03	782.16	....	54,005.70
Iowa .....	9,315.96	4,720.80	2,474.56	7,400.00	23,911.32
Kansas .....	5,630.37	5,330.11	4,062.54	4,495.86	19,518.88
Maine .....	16,939.75	8,907.50	4,881.15	4,000.00	34,728.40
Massachusetts .....	128,276.17	34,929.98	....	4,044.04	167,250.19
Michigan .....	18,183.00	11,500.00	9,113.00	....	38,796.00
Mid. Atl. Conference	**7,601.92	2,396.03	838.62	....	....
Minnesota .....	15,874.18	10,523.04	4,860.32	2,500.00	33,757.54
Missouri .....	11,750.62	3,209.74	1,122.41	....	16,082.77
Nebraska .....	8,556.80	5,460.70	267.94	....	14,285.44
New Hampshire ....	16,674.58	4,870.78	3,374.42	35.31	24,955.09
New York .....	41,236.45	8,430.15	23,404.69	....	73,071.29
Ohio .....	16,449.96	5,250.00	6,107.19	2,700.00	30,507.15
Rhode Island .....	2,760.00	2,980.34	821.46	....	6,561.80
Vermont .....	18,686.11	8,482.24	7,268.94	1,361.19	35,798.48
Washington .....	21,796.67	5,377.67	3,313.29	....	30,487.63
†Wisconsin .....	....	....	....	....	....
	\$466,817.38	\$173,213.41	\$84,694.69	\$41,440.13	\$886,967.99

†No report furnished

\*\*Report for Middle Atlantic District includes ten months only.

Note—Constituent State reports are for the calendar year 1927, except Maine, Massachusetts, and Nebraska, which report for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1928, and Rhode Island for the year ending April 30th, 1928.

## MISSIONARY LABOR

ACTUAL CASH EXPENDED APRIL 1, 1927, TO MARCH 31, 1928

<b>Eastern Division Office:</b> .....	\$9,450.31		
Extension Workers .....	3,774.44		
Florida .....	18,021.10		
Indiana .....	4,945.50		
Middle Atlantic District (Constituent) .....	9,908.14		
Southeast District .....	34,590.53		
<b>SPECIAL ITEMS</b>			
Advisory Board of the Southeast .....	200.00		
Contingent Fund .....	460.00		
Negro Work, South .....	4,005.63		
Southern Congregationalist .....	500.00		
Student Summer Service .....	911.50		
(\$4,642.83 charged to states)			
Young People's and Pastors' Conferences .....	928.54		
		\$87,695.69	
<b>Western Division Office:</b> .....	\$9,798.15		
Colorado .....	22,679.07		
Idaho—South .....	10,932.55		
Missouri .....	6,556.87		
Montana .....	33,216.84		
North Dakota .....	26,873.21		
Oklahoma .....	15,438.72		
Oregon .....	16,730.42		
South Central District .....	21,627.62		
South Dakota .....	34,560.75		
Southwest District .....	32,442.12		
Utah .....	8,824.12		
Washington, Alaska, N. Idaho .....	8,869.17		
Wyoming .....	9,955.41		
<b>SPECIAL ITEMS</b>			
Amarillo, Texas .....	3,637.40		
Collbran, Colorado .....	2,610.54		
Extension Worker in Washington .....	2,297.31		
Hospital Fund, Southwest .....	5,025.00		
Pastor-at-Large, Southwest .....	3,160.30		
Summer Assemblies .....	571.10		
Student Summer Service .....	711.76		
(\$14,413.45 charged to states)			
		276,518.43	
<b>General Division:</b> .....			
Armenian .....	\$4,718.12		
Bulgarian .....	1,190.98		
Finnish .....	12,347.09		
Dano-Norwegian .....	1,604.05		
German .....	26,695.92		
Greek .....	731.76		
Italian .....	4,242.56		
Slavic .....	11,469.89		
Swedish .....	4,362.90		
Negro Work .....	9,891.21		
City Work .....	6,168.68		
Town and Country Work .....	5,660.14		
	\$89,083.30		
<b>SPECIAL ITEMS</b>			
Annuity Premiums for Field Workers .....	884.34		
Automobile Insurance .....	939.47		
Chaplains .....	2,522.65		
Chicago Office .....	450.00		
Congregationalist and Literature .....	1,898.59		
Ellis Island .....	2,217.46		
Literature Grants .....	1,009.90		
Migrant Work .....	1,500.00		
Pensions .....	1,268.96		
(\$2,698.02 Student Summer Service charged to languages)			
	\$12,691.37	101,774.67	\$465,988.79
<b>Special Contributions forwarded to fields not covered by our regular schedule:</b> .....			
			3,000.00
			\$468,988.79
Congregational Home Missionary Society .....			\$422,642.44
Congregational Sunday School Extension Society...			46,346.35

## INVESTMENT FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

Total of Investment Funds, April 1, 1927..... \$2,681,962.94

#### Additions During Year:

Dr. Sanders Benevolent Fund (Income Added)	\$467.80	
N. S. Wordin Fund (Income Added).....	19,935.29	
Conditional Gift Fund.....	55,150.00	
General Reserve Fund, Profit on Sale of Securities .....	59,257.68	
Legacy Equalization Fund.....	20,349.43	
Ministerial Pension Reserve Fund.....	956.60	
Lyman K. Seymour Fund.....	437.10	
Mary W. Atwater Fund.....	1,000.00	
Elizabeth H. White Fund.....	2,000.00	
Susan M. Dewing Fund.....	2,689.10	
Rebecca P. Fairbanks Fund.....	2,000.00	
Joseph M. and Susan F. Stone Fund.....	757.62	
		165,000.62
		<hr/>
		\$2,846,963.56

#### Reductions During Year:

Matured Conditional Gifts.....	\$24,013.40	
Schauffler Trust Fund.....	3,683.61	
Legacy Equalization Fund.....	42,084.67	
		69,781.68
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Balance of Investment Fund, March 31, 1928..... \$2,777,181.88

### INVESTMENT FUNDS ARE INVESTED AS FOLLOWS

(Detailed list of Securities will be sent upon request)

#### Stocks:

Bank and Insurance.....	\$258,598.00
Railroads .....	248,451.28
Public Utilities .....	64,683.24
Industrials .....	240,548.00

#### Bonds:

Government and City.....	112,954.00
Railroads .....	433,924.75
Public Utilities .....	549,812.50
Industrials .....	127,227.50

Real Estate .....

5,086.43

Miscellaneous .....

319.71

Mortgages .....

589,083.29

Cash Temporarily Loaned to Current Funds....

88,987.32

Uninvested .....

57,505.86

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\$2,777,181.88

### LIST OF INVESTMENT FUNDS, MARCH 31, 1928

Conditional Gift Fund.....	\$390,165.36
Legacy Equalization Fund.....	120,349.43
Temporary Investment Fund.....	1,701.00
General Reserve Fund.....	96,800.90
Centennial Fund .....	100,000.00
Ministerial Pension Reserve Fund.....	18,613.88
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	\$727,630.57

**Endowment Funds:**

Joseph M. and Susan F. Stone Fund.....	\$858,873.22
Nathaniel S. Wordin Fund.....	382,395.12
Strong Memorial Fund.....	138,814.46
James McQuesten Fund.....	100,000.00
Lyman K. Seymour Fund.....	54,606.56
Clara E. Hillyer Fund.....	50,000.00
Swett Exigency Fund.....	50,000.00
Mary E. Wilde Fund.....	31,169.00
A. W. Kenny Fund.....	30,000.00
Harriet R. Ballou Fund.....	30,000.00
Thomas S. Johnson Fund.....	27,700.00
Wm. F. Merrill Memorial Fund.....	23,698.14
Fund in Memory of George Jepherson.....	20,000.00
C. S. Peaslee Trust Fund.....	18,930.22
Eva A. Houston Trust Fund.....	18,123.53
Sarah H. Sage Fund.....	15,000.00
Walter S. Hogg Memorial Fund.....	15,000.00
Alice E. Luther Fund.....	12,400.70
William H. Laird Fund.....	10,000.00
Augusta M. Manning Fund.....	9,521.52
Edward L. Clarke Fund.....	9,000.00
E. M. Condit Trust Fund.....	8,750.00
Dr. Orren S. Sanders Benevolent Fund.....	8,973.27
C. L. Ford Fund.....	7,575.38
Annie L. Whitin Fund.....	7,000.00
Susan Goddard Fund.....	6,289.05
Dr. Miles Spaulding Fund.....	5,431.12
Lachlan Macdonald Fund.....	5,340.29
Mary A. Goddard Fund.....	5,171.62
Mary L. Bowers Fund.....	5,000.00
Robert Hamilton Fund.....	5,000.00
George L. Newton Fund.....	5,000.00
Sophie B. Lord Fund.....	4,975.00
Levi Graves Fund.....	4,492.00
Sarah M. Allen Memorial Fund.....	4,000.00
Fred B. Dingley Fund.....	2,754.30
Susan M. Dewing Fund.....	2,689.10
Amory Woodbury Fund.....	2,400.00
Catharine A. Blakeman Fund.....	2,000.00
Martha J. Kimball Fund.....	2,000.00
J. H. Merrill Fund.....	2,000.00
Maria R. Warriner Fund.....	2,000.00
Mary A. Wright Fund.....	2,000.00
Mary H. Chase Fund.....	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. White Fund.....	2,000.00
Rebecca P. Fairbanks Fund.....	2,000.00
Emily S. Huntington Fund.....	1,922.62
Luther Farnham Trust Fund.....	1,900.00
Lizzie E. Lamb Fund.....	1,900.00
George W. Mabie Fund.....	1,600.00
Lake Trust Fund.....	1,600.00
Elvira S. Spaulding Fund.....	1,532.52
Charles M. Mead Memorial Fund.....	1,500.00
Horace G. Story Fund.....	1,450.69
H. Adaline Thompson Trust Fund.....	1,216.17
Charles N. Hayward Fund.....	1,194.18
Margaret A. Simpson Fund.....	1,100.00
Louise S. Baker Fund.....	1,000.00
Mary B. Skinner Fund.....	1,000.00



Mary B. Spaulding Trust Fund.....	1,000.00	
James S. Stone Fund.....	1,000.00	
Sarah Townsend Fund.....	1,000.00	
George W. Tuttle Fund.....	1,000.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Garner Fund.....	1,000.00	
John M. Cameron Fund.....	1,000.00	
Irene S. Barbour Fund.....	1,000.00	
Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Bryant Fund.....	1,000.00	
John H. and Harriet Richardson Fund.....	1,000.00	
Mary W. Atwater Fund.....	1,000.00	
Edward Taylor Fund.....	900.00	
Samuel A. Hopkins Fund.....	897.05	
Timothy Moore Fund.....	875.00	
George Z. Mechling Fund.....	690.00	
Archibald L. Mills Fund.....	581.36	
H. M. Keener Fund.....	500.00	
Marie E. McMaster Fund.....	500.00	
Henry Sedgwick Fund.....	500.00	
Helen S. James Fund.....	500.00	
Oliver T. Hotchkiss Fund.....	500.00	
Lorin C. Mead Fund.....	500.00	
Hannah E. Malbon Fund.....	500.00	
Edwin Hallock Fund.....	478.12	
Katharine C. Eastman Fund.....	190.00	
Henry W. Avery Fund.....	100.00	
A. H. Bray Fund.....	100.00	
W. L. Durand Fund.....	100.00	
Two unknown friends by Henry C. Ward....	100.00	
Andrew J. and Laura A. Finn Fund.....	50.00	
		2,049,551.31
		<u>\$2,777,181.88</u>

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. William T. Boulton, Treasurer,  
 Congregational Home Missionary Society,  
 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have audited the accounts of the Congregational Home Missionary Society for the year ended March 31, 1928, and hereby certify that the Summary of Receipts and Disbursements amounting to:

Receipts .....	\$413,019.48
Disbursements .....	502,976.96

sets forth correctly the transactions as stated by the books.

I further certify that I have examined or verified by direct correspondence with the depositories the investments belonging to the Society, which have a book value of Two Million Six Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Six Hundred and Two Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$2,625,602.27) and have counted or verified by direct correspondence with the depositories the cash balance on March 31, 1928, amounting to:

Cash in Bank.....	\$145,718.18
Petty Cash on Hand.....	775.00

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) CHESTER. P. CHILD,

New York, July 19, 1928.

Certified Public Accountant.

# The Congregational Church Building Society

Report of the Treasurer for the Year Ended March 31, 1928

## CURRENT FUNDS

### RECEIPTS

Contributions .....	\$161,625.57	
Legacies and Matured Conditional Gifts.....	28,558.47	
Interest and Dividends .....	\$70,279.33	
Less Annuities Paid .....	7,021.64	
	<hr/>	63,257.69
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>		<hr/> \$253,441.73

### DISBURSEMENTS

#### Administration:

Executive Salaries .....	\$12,213.89	
Clerical Salaries .....	9,336.61	
Traveling Expense .....	921.61	
Meetings .....	3,016.98	
	<hr/>	\$25,489.09

#### General Expenses:

Agency Expense .....	\$3,556.35	
Interdenominational .....	1,276.20	
Legal, Investment and Legacy Expense .....	1,876.26	
Ministerial Annuity Dues .....	592.60	
Miscellaneous Expense .....	816.63	
Office Equipment .....	191.50	
Postage, Stationery, Telephone, Printing .....	1,203.81	
Rent .....	2,981.21	
	<hr/>	12,494.56

#### Publicity:

"The American Missionary" ....	\$5,052.39	
Reports, Books, Leaflets, etc. ...	6,011.96	
	<hr/>	11,064.35
Honorary Salaries .....	1,252.55	
Commission on Missions .....	15,854.91	
Mortuary .....	800.00	
	<hr/>	66,955.46

Transferred to Revolving Funds for Church Building Aid .....	\$176,486.27	
Transferred to Investment Funds for Minis- terial Pension Reserve Fund.....	10,000.00	
	<hr/>	<hr/> \$186,486.27

**REVOLVING FUNDS FOR CHURCH AND PARSONAGE BUILDING AID****Balance, April 1, 1927 (Appropriated, Subject to Call):**

For Church Building Aid .....	\$181,937.01	
For Parsonage Building Aid .....	31,110.79	
	<hr/>	\$213,047.80

**Transferred From Current Funds:**

For Church Building Aid .....		176,486.27
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**RECEIPTS****Repayments:**

Church Loans .....	\$202,485.51	
Church Grants .....	47,409.75	
Parsonage Loans .....	54,008.64	
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Total Repayments by Churches .....	\$303,903.90	
Interest on Church Loans .....	25,180.83	
Sales of Property .....	21,609.48	
Contributions for Parsonage Loan Fund.....	83.50	
Interest on Grants .....	5,383.91	
Income of Taintor Fund (For Parsonage Loan Fund) .....	193.47	
	<hr/>	356,355.09
<b>Total Receipts</b> .....		<hr/> \$745,889.16

**DISBURSEMENTS****Paid to Churches:**

Church Loans .....	\$331,225.00	
Church Grants .....	171,022.17	
Parsonage Loans .....	63,595.00	
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Total Paid to Churches .....	\$565,842.17	
Insurance, Taxes and Repairs .....	509.23	
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<b>Total Disbursements</b> .....		\$566,351.40

**Balance, March 31, 1928 (Appropriated, Subject to Call):**

For Church Building Aid .....	\$157,736.36	
For Parsonage Building Aid .....	21,801.40	
	<hr/>	\$179,537.76
Temporary Loan to Investment Funds for Investment .....	\$150,000.00	
Cash in Bank .....	29,537.76	
	<hr/>	\$179,537.76

## INVESTMENT FUNDS

**Investment Funds, April 1, 1927.....** \$1,158,211.67

**Additions:**

General Reserve Fund, Profit on Sale of Securities .....	\$11,257.95	
Ministerial Reserve Pension Fund .....	10,672.77	
Lyman K. Seymour Fund .....	437.10	
Joseph M. and Susan F. Stone Fund.....	757.63	
Orren S. Sanders Fund, Income Added.....	450.32	
Augusta Billings Taintor Memorial Fund ...	50.00	
	<hr/>	23,625.77
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		\$1,181,837.44

**Reductions:**

Matured Conditional Gifts .....	8,550.00
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	\$1,173,287.44

**Investment Funds, March 31, 1928:****Endowment Funds:**

Joseph M. and Susan F. Stone Fund .....	\$858,856.65	
Lyman K. Seymour Fund.....	45,585.49	
Dr. Orren S. Sanders Fund.....	8,637.91	
Annie L. Whitin Fund.....	7,000.00	
Timothy Smith Fund .....	5,000.00	
Joseph S. Ricker Fund.....	5,000.00	
Samuel White Fund .....	3,000.00	
Fred B. Dingley Fund.....	2,752.04	
Augusta Billings Taintor Fund..	3,517.68	
Fannie F. O. Read Fund.....	2,178.10	
Lizzie E. Lamb Fund.....	1,900.00	
E. L. Clarke Fund.....	1,000.00	
Rev. George C. Meckling Fund..	690.00	
Charles Marsh Mead Memorial Fund .....	500.00	
Lorin C. Mead Memorial Fund..	500.00	
Robert Ford Fund .....	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$946,317.87
Conditional Gift Fund .....	122,953.50	
General Reserve Fund .....	14,146.47	
Ministerial Reserve Pension Fund.....	14,869.60	
Guaranty Fund .....	50,000.00	
Pilgrim Church Grant Fund.....	25,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,173,287.44



**Investment Funds Invested as Follows:****Stocks:**

Bank and Insurance .....	\$187,684.00	
Railroads .....	133,383.10	
Public Utilities .....	48,178.89	
Industrials .....	83,515.00	
	<hr/>	\$452,760.99

**Bonds:**

Government—City .....	\$38,554.00	
Railroads .....	281,954.17	
Public Utilities .....	329,802.50	
Industrials .....	57,388.75	
	<hr/>	707,699.42

Mortgages ..... 158,500.00

Miscellaneous ..... 2.00

Cash ..... 4,325.03

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\$1,323,287.44

Less Temporary Loan from Revolving Funds, for Investment 150,000.00

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\$1,173,287.44

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. William T. Boulton, Treasurer,  
Congregational Church Building Society,  
287 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have audited the accounts of the Congregational Church Building Society for the year ended March 31, 1928, and hereby certify that the Summary of Receipts and Disbursements of the Current and Revolving Funds amounting to:

	Receipts	Disbursements
Current Funds .....	\$253,441.73	\$66,955.46
Revolving Funds .....	356,355.09	566,351.40

sets forth correctly the transactions as stated by the books.

I further certify that I have examined or verified by direct correspondence with the depositories the securities belonging to the Society, which have a book value of One Million Three Hundred and Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$1,318,962.41) and have counted or verified by direct correspondence with the depositories the cash balance at March 31, 1928, amounting to:

Revolving Funds .....	\$29,537.76
Investment Funds .....	4,325.03

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) CHESTER. P. CHILD,

New York, July 19, 1928.

Certified Public Accountant.

# The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society

## CURRENT FUNDS

**Balance April 1, 1927**..... \$201.88

### RECEIPTS

**Contributions:**

Churches, Sunday Schools, Individuals .....	\$58,684.68	
Legacies and Matured Conditional Gifts.....	4,252.06	
Interest (net) .....	209.72	
		63,146.46

**Total Receipts** ..... \$63,348.34

### DISBURSEMENTS

**Missionary Service:**

Field Work .....	\$46,188.98	
Annuity Premiums .....	157.37	
		\$46,346.35

**Administration:**

Salaries .....	\$3,053.46	
Clerical Services .....	2,334.17	
Traveling Expenses .....	229.62	
Meetings .....	754.26	
		6,371.51

**General Expenses:**

Agency Expenses .....	\$889.09	
Interdenominational Expense ....	319.05	
Interest on Loans .....	620.00	
Lay Pensions .....	313.11	
Legal, Investment and Legacy Ex- pense .....	247.22	
Miscellaneous .....	200.14	
Mortuary .....	200.00	
Office Equipment .....	47.90	
Postage, Stationery, Telephone ...	300.46	
Rent .....	745.27	
		3,882.24

**Publicity:**

"The American Missionary" .....	\$1,263.11	
Reports, Leaflets, etc. ....	1,502.97	
		2,766.08

**Commission on Missions** ..... 3,963.70

**Total Disbursements** ..... 63,329.88

**Balance March 31, 1928**..... \$18.46

## INVESTMENT AND RESERVE FUNDS

## Statement of Account for Year Ending March 31, 1928

<b>Total of Funds, April 1, 1927.....</b>	<b>\$7,260.00</b>
<b>Additions During Year:</b>	
Ministerial Pension Reserve Fund .....	175.00
	<u>\$7,435.00</u>
<b>Reductions During Period:</b>	
Matured Conditional Gift .....	1,000.00
	<u></u>
<b>Total of Funds, March 31, 1928.....</b>	<b>\$6,435.00</b>
<b>Investment Funds are Invested as follows:</b>	
Mortgages .....	\$6,435.00
<b>Endowment Funds:</b>	
E. L. Clark Fund .....	\$1,000.00
Ethel M. Clapp Memorial Fund.....	500.00
Anita B. Ferris Fund .....	460.00
	<u>\$1,960.00</u>
<b>Ministerial Pension Reserve Fund .....</b>	<b>3,675.00</b>
<b>Conditional Gift Fund .....</b>	<b>800.00</b>
	<u>\$6,435.00</u>

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. William T. Boulton, Treasurer,  
 Congregational Sunday School Extension Society,  
 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Sir:

I have audited the accounts of the Congregational Sunday School Extension Society for the year ended March 31, 1928, and hereby certify that the Summary of Receipts and Disbursements amounting to:

Receipts .....	\$63,146.46
Disbursements .....	63,329.88

sets forth correctly the transactions as stated by the books.

I further certify that I have examined the securities belonging to the Society, which have a book value of Six Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-Five Dollars (\$6,435.00) and have counted or verified by direct correspondence with the depositories the cash balance at March 31, 1928, amounting to:

Cash in Bank.....	\$18.46
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Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) CHESTER. P. CHILD,

New York, July 19, 1928.

Certified Public Accountant.

**By-Laws**  
**OF**  
**The Congregational**  
**Home Missionary Society**

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**ARTICLE I.**

**NAME**

The Society shall be called The Congregational Home Missionary Society.

**ARTICLE II.**

**OBJECT**

The object of this Society shall be to assist, either directly or through the Conferences and Home Missionary Societies connected with the Congregational denomination in the several states of the Union, congregations that would otherwise be unable to support the Gospel ministry; and in general, to extend the Gospel and the means of Christian education within the United States and the West Indies.

**ARTICLE III.**

**MEMBERSHIP.**

1. Life members, who became such prior to 1901, shall retain their voting right, unless it be voluntarily surrendered.

2. The Congregational churches of this country shall be represented in the voting membership of this Society by members elected in number and manner as follows:

All voting members of the National Council of Congregational Churches shall be voting members of The Congregational Home Missionary Society during the period of their membership in the National Council.

3. The Society shall designate ninety persons as voting members-at-large, of whom thirty-six shall be the elected members of the Board of Directors, who shall be chosen in two equal sections, and so chosen that the term of each section shall be ultimately four years, one section being chosen every second year at the meeting held in connection with the meeting of the National Council. In this selection it is expected that there will be included the officers, administrative committeemen, superintendents and field workers of the Society, and at least one-third of said voting members-at-large shall be women.

4. Honorary Life Members. Any person on whose behalf at least fifty dollars shall be paid into the treasury of this Society at any one time, accompanied by a request for honorary life membership, shall be an honorary life member with all the privileges of membership except voting.

5. Corresponding Members. At any meeting of the Society all pastors of Congregational churches and all delegates regularly chosen by Congregational churches in response to an invitation from the Board of Directors or the Administrative Committee of the Society, shall be enrolled as corresponding members with privileges of the floor but no vote.

\* See Notes on page 76 concerning the By-Laws of The Church Building and Sunday School Extension Societies.



## ARTICLE IV.

## OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, such other secretaries and officers as may be needed for the transaction of its business, a Board of Directors, an Administrative Committee, and a Committee on Promotion.

## ARTICLE V.

## ELECTIONS.

1. The President, Vice-President, Auditor, and Recording Secretary shall be elected by the Society at its Biennial Meeting for two-year terms.

2. The General Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at each Biennial Meeting on nomination by the Board of Directors. At the same meeting the Secretary of Promotion shall be elected on nomination of the Committee on Promotion.

3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President and Vice-Presidents and of thirty-six elected members, at least one-third of whom shall be women, namely, one representative from each state organization which is certified by the National Council of Congregational Churches in the United States as entitled to representation, and Directors-at-Large as herein provided, and shall be elected at the Biennial Meeting as follows:

- (a)—At the Biennial Meeting of 1927, at which these By-Laws shall be put into effect, nominations for the Board of Directors shall be presented by the Nominating Committee on their own motion. At all subsequent Biennial Meetings nominations shall be made as hereinafter provided.
- (b)—Prior to the Biennial Meeting at which the term of its representative on the Board expires, each State Conference or group of Conferences certified by the National Council shall have the right to submit to the Nominating Committee the name of a minister, a layman or a woman, as may be indicated by the Nominating Committee, which nomination shall be presented to the Biennial Meeting by the Nominating Committee for election as a Director for a term of four years.
- (c)—Directors-at-Large shall be elected on nomination by the Nominating Committee in such number that there shall not be more than thirty-six elected Directors at any one time.
- (d)—The General Secretary, the Secretary of Promotion and the Secretary of the Laymen's Advisory Committee shall be honorary members of the Board without vote, and shall be expected to be present at all except executive sessions.
- (e)—The Secretary of the National Council of Congregational Churches shall be an honorary member of the Board without vote, and may be present at all except executive sessions.
- (f)—The Directors shall be divided as nearly as possible into two equal sections in such manner that the term of each section shall ultimately be four years and the term of one section shall expire at each Biennial Meeting. When any Director shall have held office for eight successive years, he shall be for two years ineligible for re-election.
- (g)—No paid official of any State Conference or Society shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

4. Between the meetings of the Board of Directors, the work of the Society other than that of promotion shall be under the immediate supervision of an Administrative Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, which Committee shall consist of not more than fifteen persons, at least one-third of whom shall be women and at least nine of whom shall be members of the Board. Of these nine, at least one may be a member of a similar committee of one or more of the other Congregational Home Boards.

(a)—The General Secretary, ex-officio, shall be an honorary member of the Administrative Committee. The membership of this Committee shall be divided as equally as practicable between ministers, laymen, and women. After serving eight consecutive years a member of the Administrative Committee shall be for two years ineligible for re-election.

(b)—This Administrative Committee shall hold regular monthly meetings when the Board is not in session and as many special meetings as may be deemed necessary. The actions of each session of the Administrative Committee shall be promptly reported to the Board of Directors.

5. For the purpose of disseminating information, cultivating interest and procuring funds from the Congregational churches of the United States and their constituents, the Society, at its Biennial Meeting, shall elect a Committee on Promotion, which Committee may be the same as the Commission on Missions of the National Council. The Board of Directors shall provide such funds for the work of this Committee as the Society shall approve at its Biennial Meeting, and such further funds as the Board of Directors may deem essential to the effective work of said Committee.

Between meetings of the Committee on Promotion, the work of Promotion shall be under the immediate supervision of a Promotional Council of not to exceed sixteen members who shall be elected by the Board of Directors as follows:

Not more than five members on nomination of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; not more than three members on nomination of the Conference of Congregational Superintendents; one woman member on nomination of the Board of Directors; the General Secretary of this Society, the General Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief, the General Secretary of the Congregational Education Society, a Secretary designated by the American Missionary Association, and, ex-officio, the Secretary of the National Council, the Secretary of Promotion, and the Secretary of the Laymen's Advisory Committee.

6. All secretaries and officers whose election or appointment is not otherwise herein provided for shall be elected or appointed at each Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors on nomination of the Administrative Committee.

7. Vacancies in any office, Board or Committee may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.

## ARTICLE VI.

### VOTERS.

All members of the Society as designated in Article III. of these By-Laws who shall be present and cause their names to be registered upon a roll to be made at each annual or other meeting of this Society by the Recording Secretary, and no other persons, shall have the right to vote at the annual election, and in annual or other meetings of the Society upon questions there arising.

## ARTICLE VII.

## THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society. In his absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside. In the absence of both of these, any member of the Society, duly chosen, may preside at any meeting of the Society.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive and have personal charge of all funds from collections, legacies, or other sources, which are designed for the current expenses of the Society, and the custody of its trust funds, and shall keep them in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same as said Board and its Administrative Committee shall direct. He shall give bonds annually for such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine, and shall conduct the correspondence and other business of his office under the general supervision of the Board of Directors and its Administrative Committee.

## ARTICLE IX.

## THE AUDITOR.

It shall be the duty of the Auditor prior to each Annual Meeting to examine the Treasurer's vouchers, books, and accounts and all certificates of stocks, bonds, and other securities held by the Treasurer, and check all investments of the funds of the Society, and certify to the correctness of the same.

## ARTICLE X.

## THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

The General Secretary of the Society shall strive to work in closest sympathy with the other benevolent societies of the denomination and with the officials of state organizations; he shall cooperate with the Secretary of Promotion in making known by personal presentation, correspondence, and otherwise, to state and local associations and conferences, to churches and individuals, the objects and claims of the Society and shall have charge and direction of the work of the Society under the general supervision of the Board of Directors and its Administrative Committee. He shall present the minutes of the Administrative Committee and all its transactions to the Board of Directors at each of its meetings; he shall prepare the yearly report of the Board of Directors for the Annual Meeting of the Society and submit same for adoption at a meeting of the Board or of its Administrative Committee, as the Board may direct prior to the said Annual Meeting. He shall be an honorary member of the Board of Directors without vote and shall be expected to attend all its meetings except executive sessions.

## ARTICLE XI.

## THE SECRETARY OF PROMOTION

The Secretary of Promotion shall have charge, under the direction of the Committee on Promotion, of the dissemination of information regarding the objects and claims of the Society, the cultivation of interest and raising of funds, especially among the Congregational churches and their constituents. He shall report directly to the Society at its Annual Meeting and ad interim to the Committee on Promotion. For his assistance, the Committee on Promotion shall ap-

point such associates and assistants as it shall judge to be needed within the budget allowed for this Committee. He shall be an honorary member of the Board of Directors without vote and shall be expected to attend all its meetings except executive sessions.

## ARTICLE XII.

### THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and proceedings of the Society, and at each annual or other meeting of the Society shall make up a roll of persons entitled to vote at such meeting, as provided in Article VI.

## ARTICLE XIII.

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION

1. The Board of Directors, subject only to the review and judgment of the Society at its Annual Meeting, shall have the management of all the property and business of the corporation, except as herein otherwise provided. This Board shall hold its Annual Meeting on the Tuesday after the third Sunday of January, a semi-annual meeting at such time as the Board shall decide, and, in addition, such specially-called meetings as may be deemed necessary by the Board or its Administrative Committee. All important questions of policy and all major questions of administration shall be reserved for decision at such meetings. After a due notice of the meeting has been sent in writing to each Director, thirteen shall constitute a quorum. Notices of Directors' meetings shall be given by the General Secretary, or in case of a vacancy in that office, by the President. At the Annual Meeting, the Board shall determine the apportionment of home missionary funds and other related matters, and pass upon any question involving the comprehensive work of administration of the Society, including the election of official representatives, national and state. It shall assemble at the Annual Meeting, as far as possible, Superintendents in Cooperating Conferences and Missionary Districts in order that the needs and opportunities in each of these states may be thoroughly presented to the Board.

Any and all property, real or personal, acquired by The Congregational Home Missionary Society, either by gift, devise or purchase, may be sold by the Board of Directors.

2. Between the meetings of the Board of Directors, the Administrative Committee shall, for the time being, except as limited by these By-Laws or by specific vote of said Board, have and exercise all powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation including, specifically, the power to sell or convey property, real or personal, subject to the regulations in the laws of the several states. It may authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all such contracts, papers and documents as may require it; shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall be at any time open to the inspection of any member of the Board of Directors, and shall semi-annually present a detailed report of its doings, including the minutes of its meetings, to the Board of Directors.

3. To the Committee on Promotion is committed responsibility for the raising of funds for the Society, together with the dissemination of information by the printed page, public presentation and personal interviews necessary to this work. In this endeavor the Committee is entitled to the cooperation of the salaried officers and field workers of the Society in so far as their other duties permit.



## ARTICLE XIV.

## THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of the members of the Nominating Committee of the National Council. This Committee shall at each Biennial Meeting of the Society present nominations for President, Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Auditor, members of the Board of Directors and voting members-at-large in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws and with the action of the National Council relative to the common administration of this and other missionary societies.

## ARTICLE XV.

## SELF-SUPPORTING AND COOPERATING CONFERENCES AND MISSIONARY DISTRICTS

For the purpose of carrying on its work, the Society recognizes three forms of missionary organizations, namely Self-supporting Conferences or Home Missionary Societies, Cooperating Conferences and Missionary Districts.

1. Self-supporting Conferences and Home Missionary Societies of the kind referred to in Article II are recognized as autonomous but any such organization which shall send, at the close of its fiscal year, a statistical summary of its work and of its receipts and expenditures for the preceding year, to the Treasurer of The Congregational Home Missionary Society, upon forms provided by said Society, shall be entitled to have such report included in the printed Annual Report of The Congregational Home Missionary Society.

2. A Cooperating Conference shall be one which has organized and incorporated a Conference of the kind referred to in Article II; has entered into definite annual agreement with the Board of Directors of The Congregational Home Missionary Society as to the proportion of its expenditures to be provided by the Conference and the proportion to be provided by this Society, has pledged its utmost endeavor in advancing the work, both in the Conference and in the nation; and whose application that such Conference should be entitled a Cooperating Conference has been approved by said Board of Directors. In Cooperating Conferences the Board of Directors and its Administrative Committee shall have power to appoint Superintendents and other general representatives upon nomination of the respective Conferences or their governing Boards. The employment of missionaries and the establishing of churches in each Cooperating Conference shall be in charge of the Conference itself and reports of the work being done shall be made in such form and at such times as the Board of Directors and the Conference may require.

3. All States and territories within which no Conference has been organized under conditions which the Board of Directors approve; and all such sections of the population, especially those speaking a foreign language, in which the Conferences or Home Missionary Societies agree that the Board of Directors and the officers of The Congregational Home Missionary Society shall operate directly as a missionary agency, shall be known as Missionary Districts. In these districts, the Board of Directors and its Administrative Committee shall have power to appoint Superintendents, to employ missionaries, to establish churches; and they shall report on the work in such form and at such times as the Board of Directors may require. It shall be the constant aim of the Board of Directors, its Administrative Committee, and its officers, so to promote the growth of Congregational churches in these Missionary Districts that approved Conferences may be established; and in the case of said sections of population, individual churches may be brought into such a condition, especially through the adoption of the English language in their public worship and Sunday Schools, that they may be passed under the care of the Conferences in the States to which they severally belong.

**ARTICLE XVI.****MEETINGS**

Regular meetings of this Society shall be held annually, and in years when the National Council holds regular sessions, the Annual Meeting shall be held in connection with the National Council. This meeting shall be known as the Biennial Meeting. In other years the Annual Meeting shall be held at such time and place in the United States as the Society, at the Biennial Meeting, shall appoint or on failure of such appointment, as the Board of Directors or its Administrative Committee, shall, with due notice, appoint. Special meetings shall be called by vote of the Board of Directors or the Administrative Committee, notice being mailed to each voting member of the Society at his last known address not later than thirty days prior to the date set, said notice stating the time and place of meeting and specifying the business to be transacted thereat. Twenty voting members shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE XVII.****AMENDMENTS**

No alterations shall be made in these By-laws without a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual Meeting, or a special meeting; nor unless the same shall have been proposed in writing at a previous Annual Meeting, or shall be recommended by the Board of Directors or its Administrative Committee.

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NOTE: The By-Laws of The Congregational Church Building Society are the same as the preceding, with the following exceptions:

**ARTICLE I.****NAME**

The Society shall be called The Congregational Church Building Society.

**ARTICLE II.****OBJECT**

The object of this Society shall be to promote the building of meeting houses and parsonages by the Congregational churches of the United States and its possessions, and to render aid in such enterprises by grant or by loan.

**ARTICLE XV.****CONFERENCE COOPERATION**

The Society recognizes the Congregational Conferences throughout the United States as cooperating agencies, and their officers as advisers in its work.

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NOTE: The By-Laws of The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society are the same as the preceding, with the following exceptions:

**ARTICLE I.****NAME.**

The Society shall be called The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society.

**ARTICLE II.****OBJECT**

The object of this Society shall be to establish, aid and promote Sunday Schools, Bible Schools and kindred institutions, either directly or through other corporations having similar objects.

## ARTICLE XV.

## CONFERENCE COOPERATION

The Society recognizes the Congregational Conferences throughout the United States as cooperating agencies, and their officers as advisers in its work.

## ARTICLE XVI.

## MEETINGS

This Society shall meet annually on the Tuesday following the third Sunday in January, and in years when the National Council holds regular sessions shall adjourn to meet in connection with the National Council. This meeting shall be held at such time and place in the United States as the Society, at the Biennial Meeting, shall appoint or on failure of such appointment, as the Board of Directors or its Administrative Committee, shall, with due notice, appoint. Special meetings shall be called by vote of the Board of Directors or the Administrative Committee, notice being mailed to each voting member of the Society at his last known address not later than thirty days prior to the date set, said notice stating the time and place of meeting and specifying the business to be transacted thereat. Twenty voting members shall constitute a quorum.

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Money or approved equities will be received. Annuities will be paid to one or more persons. The rate varies with age of annuitant at date of gift. The Conditional Gift is commended as a method of providing for others. It cannot be dissipated, lost or diverted.

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